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Push for regions

Supporters of a regionalised national competition are mobilising their forces as the sixth Philips League season approaches its end.

And this time, the regionalisation issue may go all the way to the Australian Soccer Federation annual meeting.

State League clubs which support the concept of regionalisation are beginning to realise that they have the power to make regionalisation happen.

State Leagues are the most influential forces in the various State Federations. If they succeed in getting the numbers within their own federations, then State delegates would go to the ASF with the direction to vote for the end of the PSL as it is, and the introduction of a regionalised national competition.

Most who favor the plan would opt for a southern and a northern region, each of 14 or 16 clubs, and an end-of-year national play-off series to determine the national champion.

If the push comes through the official channels — from the clubs through their State Federations, to the ASF — the regionalisation move just may work.

There is nothing to stop the ASF from voting to implement the regions. The PSL could do nothing about it, for it does not yet have a voice on the ASF.

Big clubs like Sydney City, South Melbourne Hellas, St. George, Marconi and APIA are strongly in favor of leaving the PSL as it is.

However, smaller clubs may think differently — in fact, Brisbane Lions last week advocated scrapping the PSL.

Club director Hans Strick talked about forming a super league in every State.

"I've been talking about the issue with the directors of the country's biggest clubs and if soccer is to survive here, I think the proposal must be accepted by all States," he said.

"Every weekend supporters have to decide whether they want to watch a PSL match or a local match and the code is suffering."

"I'm proposing a regional State League format at the beginning of the season to be followed by a post-season national knock-out competition, like the Philips Cup, involving the top teams from each State."

That alternative would suit Queensland more than it would suit other States, for air fares would remain high for the Queensland clubs even if they were included in a region with only NSW clubs.

But we'll discuss the other alternatives later.

First, let's analyse further the chances of the regionalisation move being successful.



By LAURIE SCHWAB

It depends on who supports it.

In NSW, Croatia twice has been refused admission to the PSL despite twice winning the State League championship. Croatia would support regionalisation. So too would Blacktown which wants to get back into a higher standard of soccer. Melita Eagles have the ambition and the support to do well at a higher level, so they too would support the move, while clubs with less support — clubs like Manly, Riverwood and Sutherland — surely would support it because they know that their only hope of advancement is through automatic promotion, and automatic promotion would have to apply in a regionalised competition, providing the promoted clubs have the right ground facilities.

Victoria similarly has enough clubs with ambition to support the move. Ajax is headed for its second successive championship and has been breaking its neck trying to be promoted. Croatia and Juventus believe they can get back their supporters only by playing at a higher level.

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Sydney City almost certainly won the championship by beating second-placed St George last Sunday, but Olympic also grabbed the headlines with speculation that Tommy Docherty may rejoin the club next year.

Present coach Doug Collins threatened before the game against Footscray J.U.S.T. to quit if the committee did not make clear its intentions about the coaching position in 1983. He said the Docherty rumors had been hanging over his head for 12 weeks and that for the sake of stability among the players, the committee should make some form of official announcement.

Collins however, acceded to president John Constantine's request that he should continue to coach the team at least until the end of the season.

Constantine was meeting Docherty, currently coach of South Melbourne Hellas yesterday (Tuesday) to discuss his availability for next season. Constantine said he had the permission of Hellas president Sam Papasavas to talk to Docherty.

Constantine agreed there was a possibility that Docherty may be manager next year, with Collins retaining his position as coach.

"Sam Papasavas says Docherty is under contract to Hellas, but also had made it clear that he would not try to hold Docherty if Docherty does not want to stay," Constantine said.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Jankovics to quit Marconi

Mark Jankovics, with 64 goals the second-highest scorer on aggregate since the start of the PSL, wants to leave Marconi next season.

His contract expires at the end of the year.

"I've had five good seasons with Marconi and maybe it's time for a change," he said. "I've already had talks with two other clubs."

Jankovics, 25, joined Marconi from St. George. He has played 30 games for Australia, including 14 full internationals.

• Doug Collins

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Dunleavy, Wilson lead by example

At the start of the season I predicted that Sydney City, Hakoah Heidelberg, Alexander and South Melbourne Hellas would make the top four with St George, Wollongong, APIA and Sydney Olympic, vying for the other place in the four.

All of these teams are in the running for the top four along with West Adelaide which has made a fine recovery under Alan Vest.

I am not surprised at Wollongong's success. The thing that surprised me was that it started so badly.

On the other hand, if you look at the Phillips league draw you will find that Wollongong had hard games in the early rounds, which, in part, accounts for its bad start to the season.

One of the outstanding aspects of its recent run of wins and draws is that it was against many of the top sides, which leaves it with an easier run in to the end of the season.

Because of the draw Wollongong should be favourite to take out third or fourth place.

The only query about Wollongong's credentials is its goals for and against record.

The goals a team scores in a season and the goals it concedes usually are an accurate measure of its ability. If you look at Wollongong you will find that it is the only one of the top teams apart from APIA, which has scored less goals than it has conceded.

At the time of writing Wollongong's goals were 33 with 36 against.

Contrast this with leader Sydney City Hakoah with 51 for and 23 against, or second placed St George with 41 for 31 against West Adelaide 40 for 30 against Sydney Olympic 43 for 34 against and Heidelberg 35 for 32 against.

Wollongong's position in the table in relation to its inferior goals for and against tally indicates how well the defence has been playing recently.

It also indicates the enormous reliance being placed on dual strikers Roy Cotton and Phil O'Connor who have scored most of the goals.

This will not have gone unnoticed by other coaches and these two may find it increasingly difficult to keep their scoring rate going to the end of the season.

On the other hand, the magnificent form of Chris Dunleavy and Arno Bertogna at the centre of the Wollongong defence is posing all sorts of problems for opposing strikers.

Along with the goalkeeper, these two central defensive positions are the most critical to the fortunes of any team, so obviously Jim Preston also must be doing a lot of things right.

New players and new coaches also are influencing the cause of events in the run-in to the end of the season.

APIA, under Peter Wilson has had a predictable lift. The question is whether this impetus will continue after the initial spark a change often provides, cools down.

In this case we have a new player-coach in control and he is the one who gets the most charge as he becomes committed more than he ever has done in his life.

Despite carrying injuries, Peter Wilson has been a rock in the centre of the APIA defence, leading both by mouth and by example.

Wilson and Dunleavy, who replaced Ken Morton, both have this advantage of being able to lead by example.



Mike Johnson

On the other hand the disadvantages of the player coach are well known, which is why there are so few of them in modern soccer, especially among top teams.

The advantages Frank Arok has at St George over Dunleavy and Wilson are numerous and are topped by the 30 years coaching experience acquired by Arok that has produced the quality coach he is today.

On the other hand it is possible that Dunleavy and Wilson will be able to carry the double burden of coaching and playing successfully over the short burst to the end of the season.

Both are men of great physical and mental strength, with the driving personality that can carry people with them over a short period.

Tom Docherty of South Melbourne Hellas is another who has tremendous impact on people in the short term.

During his career he has struggled to maintain this electricity over a sustained period.

Perhaps it is unfair to ask any coach to keep his players on a constant 'high' such as the Doc's personality often induces when he arrives at a club.

I often felt that Docherty would have made a great national coach, in a similar way that the similarly charismatic and controversial Rale Rasac was so successful in the Australian national team job.

Docherty did in fact have great short term success with Scotland before going to Manchester United where his best club results, to date, were achieved.

Certainly the short hop to the end of the season is the type of leap that will suit Docherty's style, so don't write off Hellas yet.

Len McKendry at Heidelberg would be the antithesis of Docherty. Neither has much time for the other's methods.

McKendry's team is methodical and precise, reflecting his philosophy of coaching, whereas Docherty's is all passion and flair, reflecting the Scotman's own personality.

The Doc does not believe in coaching professionals. McKendry believes utterly in coaching at all levels.

Of course players play an enormous part in the final run-in results.

Young players at Olympic, sparked first by Docherty, seem almost unable to play the game any other way to the way they do now, with a commitment to attack that has had coach Doug Collins searching for means to give them a foundation on which to build these attacks.

And when you look to players you cannot go past Sydney City with its great depth of talent.

As mentioned previously its superior goals for and against reflects totally the quality of the players.

However, credit must go to coach Eddie Thompson for the way he was able to keep his team in championship contention through a difficult early season period, when even his squad was stretched to the limit with injuries.

Nobody will take the Phillips league title away from Sydney City this year, but for sure, Frank Arok and his St George committee already are planning to take over as top dog next year.

Regions would have to keep standards high

There is no doubt in my mind that regionalisation of our national competition would be a major step forward for Australian soccer — with a few provisos.

First and foremost, rigid standards would have to be set for clubs applying for membership of the regional competition — and I'm talking of two regions, north and south, of 16 clubs each.

The clubs would have to meet high standards in relation to ground facilities in particular.

Such standards would force many clubs that have been around for 20 years or more finally to get off their backs and offer their fans a little comfort at the grounds.

A regionalised competition would have to be open to automatic promotion from the State Leagues. The two bottom teams would have to be relegated, no matter what, and their places should be taken by the champion of the league lower down. If however, the champion cannot meet the rigid entrance requirements, then the nod should go to the second, or third, or even fourth-placed club.

Maintenance of standards is ultra important, for we cannot afford to lose what we have gained through the Phillips League. The PSL has set new standards in spectator facilities, professionalism and play.

For all that, we must be thankful, but I'm afraid the league as it is in future will prove to be too expensive to run and will not get the required crowd support.

The American experience teaches us that regional competitions,

leading to a national play-off series, are the best solution for a large country, where travelling costs are high.

In addition, regional leagues would generate more money for the clubs because of bigger gates gained through games between local clubs.

But in admitting extra local clubs, it's important that we select only the best and most progressive. I've been back in the NSW State League with Blacktown for a year, and I've been appalled by some of the things I've seen — cricket pitches in the middle of a ground, absence of toilets, flooded dressing rooms, and dressing rooms without windows.

*** Sydney City's success so often is ascribed to its financial riches, and its willingness to throw money around. In fact, it's been said that Sydney City has been buying championships rather than earning them.

And yet Sydney City has brought less players over the past five years than perhaps 80 per cent of the other PSL clubs.

Sydney City has, however, been shrewd enough to pick only the best. Instead of buying seven or eight or 18 a year, City buys one of superior quality — Ken Boden, Agenor Muniz, John Kosmina, David Mitchell in successive years.

It shows what excellent investors the Sydney City bosses are.

South Melbourne Hellas, for example, has spent probably 10 times as much over the same period, without getting a return in terms of success.

Sydney City's strength is the strength of one man in particular, Andrew Lederer.

Irrespective of how people take him, he has done incredible things for his club.

He has a super business brain, and he demands that players at his club are treated with respect and as professionals.

It is not all a matter of having money. It is a matter of knowing how to achieve, and no-one knows

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it better than Andrew Lederer.

Stability is another strength of Sydney City. Lederer himself has been with the club about 15 years. Harry Lakmaker has been there about the same length of time. Coaches do not come and go at Sydney City with the same regularity as at other clubs. No. Gerry Chaldi, for example, was there about three years, so was Dave Maclaren and now Eddie Thomson is in his third year.

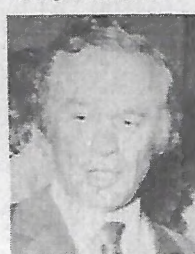
While Lederer represents the power of the throne, Thomson is the leader of the army — the general who wins all battles because he is a better general than most.

The same can be said of St George, where Alex Pongrass and Frank Arok are the equivalents of Pongrass and Thomson.

Arok bought up big for Saints' return to the PSL, but he bought well. He invested wisely. He had the guts to stick his neck out and to back his judgement, and he had the character and personality to convince the club to cough up the cash.

Whereas St George and Sydney City always show a return on their investment, so many other clubs simply throw their money down the toilet.

St George and Sydney City deserve their success. Let's give them credit.



Alex Pongrass



Andrew Lederer

Peter Dickson — seasoned campaigner

By PAUL MOON

Peter Dickson should stand out as a star, even among Ajax's galaxy, having experienced 10 years of Scottish League soccer and gained two international representative honors.

Dickson joined Albion Rovers from Bailliston Juniors in 1972 and rapidly earned a reputation as a free-scoring inside forward, despite playing for a poor team.

22 goals from 36 games during the 1974-75 season brought a flock of scouts to Coatbridge and there was much speculation about who would obtain his signature.

It was a major surprise therefore when Dickson joined the perpetually mediocre Queen of the South for a fee reported to be in the vicinity of \$20,000.

Although playing in the backwaters of Caledonian football, the Doonhamers' striker gained international recognition, wearing his country's dark blue jersey twice within seven days of March, 1976.

A game for the Scottish League selection against its English counterparts was followed by a substitute's appearance opposing Holland in a European under 23 championship encounter.

During the latter match Dickson's team mates included Alan Rough, Frank Gray, Willie Miller, Des Bremner and Joe Jordan, while Holland boasted Harry Lubse and Dick Nunninga, both of whom received World Cup runners-up medals two years later.

Dickson though had to be content with soccer of a far more modest nature with his club. Living and working in Glasgow as a telephone engineer, countless hours were spent travelling to Dumfries to play and train.

Earlier in his career a specialist goal poacher, he latterly has played deeper, often at full back. The Ajax recruit has over 300 Scottish League appearances and a century of goals in senior soccer behind him.



Peter Dickson — new man at Green Gully Ajax

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Katholos: bargain buy at \$10,000

Peter Katholos has quit his job in order to concentrate on fulfilling two soccer ambitions: helping to get Sydney Olympic into the top four and winning the major best player awards.

It also clears his head for the dilemma of 1983. Will he stay with Olympic? Will he join South Melbourne Hellas? Will he go overseas?

Katholos, 21, was a technician with Philips Industries in the Sydney suburb Rhodes until he quit last week.

"I've got to concentrate fully on soccer in these last five weeks. I've got to give it my best shot," he says.

"These last games are very important to me. We have to get into the top four."

Asked whether he expected to be named Australian Player of the Year, he said: "I hope so. I'm really keen. There are a lot of good players in the league, but I'll give it all I've got."

Katholos has been leading in the voting for the "Soccer Action" best player award for most of the year. That's a reliable pointer to his progress in the Australian Player of the Year voting. The national award winner first won the "Soccer Action" award in every season except one since the PSL started in 1977.

Katholos is non-committal about a reported



Peter Katholos with the Socceroos in Auckland last year, from left: Maher, Giampaolo, Boden, Yzendoorn, Jankovics, Krncevic, Perry (obscured), Sharpe, coach Gutendorf, Rogers (rear), Katholos (front), Barnes, Davidson, Henderson, Tansey, Kosmina.

bid for him by South Melbourne Hellas whose coach Tommy Docherty, formerly of Olympic, rates him highly.

The star midfielder will be available for a transfer fee of only \$10,000 when his contract with Olympic expires at the end of the season.

He had that transfer fee included in the contract when he joined Olympic from St. George for \$6000 at the end of 1980. He had joined St. George from

Canterbury for \$5000 in late 1978.

In each case, he had a maximum transfer fee included in his contract.

But any club intending to buy Katholos from Olympic will have to pay more than the mere \$10,000 transfer. It would have to be worth his while.

All that Katholos will say is: "I'll just wait and see what happens, and I'll size up the situation at the end of the year."

"I'd like to stay with

Olympic but if it doesn't work out the way I want it to, and if South Melbourne made me the right offer, I'd take it. I've got to look at my future in a professional way."

The contracts of a number of other Olympic players also expire at the end of the year, and so haggling sessions between them and the committee will start in a few weeks' time.

During the off-season, Katholos trialled with Olympiakos in

Greece and Arsenal in England. Will he try again?

On that score he also is non-committal. "I shot my mouth off a lot before I went last time," he says. "Every player would like to be a star in Europe, but I've got nothing planned. All I can say is that if I had an offer, or if a chance came up, I'd probably have another go."

If the emotional Olympic fans are disappointed at Olympic's tumble down the table (the team was first at the half-way stage), so too are Katholos and the other players.

"In recent weeks, we just haven't been firing the way we did early on. We haven't had the same rhythm. Maybe we haven't wanted to win badly enough."

"Early on, we were playing 4-3-3, with Gary Phillips at right midfield. Then, when the results stopped coming, we switched back to a 4-2-4 which didn't work the way it had before. Quite often I noticed we were being out-numbered in midfield, and when I went forward, often our defence also was outnumbered."

"When we were playing 4-3-3, Jim Redfern



Peter Katholos breaks clear of Macedonia's Ljube Petrovski

was one of the strikers, but now he's on the wing.

"Another problem, as far as I'm concerned, has been that we haven't had Danny Moulis available all year, because of his injury. He can be the whole right side of the park when he plays."

"And of course we've had Andy Scott out as well. He's had a knee operation and he's been missing about four or five weeks. That meant we had to change things around in the defence, with Martyn Rogers moving from right back

to left back, Mike Coady playing right back for a while, and then Kenny Wilson coming in when Coady got injured."

The highlight of the season for Katholos was his hat-trick against APIA a few weeks ago.

"I'd never scored a hat-trick before," he says in his usual, enthusiastic, bubbling way. "I couldn't believe it. Everything went in. I won't score goals like that for the rest of my life, probably. But I'll be trying."

New regions would boost Morwell, Azzurri, Rapid

Morwell Falcons have the facilities and the ambition to spread the soccer gospel in a bigger way throughout the Latrobe Valley through a southern region of the national league.

In South Australia, Azzurri is headed for its second championship and dearly would love a crack at the big time, as would Croatia and probably most of the others.

And Tasmania has been pushing for years for inclusion in the national competition. Its leading contender probably would be Rapid West Point. Alternatively, a composite Tasmanian team could be formed for the southern region, as was proposed two years ago.

But why regionalisation? What's wrong with the PSL as it is?

I have never believed that the PSL format is appropriate to Australian conditions.

Not only is the country too large and the travelling costs too high, but we do not have enough clubs with enough spectators to sustain such a league.

The strength of Australian soccer is in its numbers. We have clubs galore and players galore, but we do not have an abundance of spectators.

Yet in cutting the PSL off from the mainstream of soccer as we did in 1977, we also cut ourselves off from soccer's strength. The supporters of all those clubs all over the country do not feel part of the national league because it is so structured that they cannot aspire to it.

More important however, is the financial dilemma faced by the PSL's member clubs.

They cashed in on the league's novelty value for a few seasons but now all they have is their own hard-core supporters, and even they are dwindling.

The biggest problem is that matches between clubs from different States draw only the home team's supporters. In the case of Brisbane and Adelaide clubs, they can look forward only to one local derby each per season. The Brisbane clubs may draw an average of about 1200 people to their home games. That means they make between \$5000 and \$6000 at the gate every two weeks, barely enough to cover their wage bill over that period.

Such are the problems of the PSL that Heidelberg started the season with an overdraft of about \$140,000. Canberra was on the verge of collapse before it merged with Downer Olympic. Newcastle is reported to have borrowed a large amount of money from the PSL to overcome financial worries.

Even the gate-takings of that traditionally well-supported club, South Melbourne Hellas, have plummeted this year.

There have been gains in Sydney where St. George and APIA have been attracting more people, but losses certainly outweigh gains across the board.

Travelling costs are increasing, and the league still does not have a sponsor to replace Philips Industries who are pulling out at the end of this season. That means the affiliation fee of each PSL club next season could jump to as much as \$30,000.

Regionalisation would solve most of those problems. The saving in travelling costs is obvious.

Another advantage would be increased gate income. It stands to reason that if, for example, Ajax, Morwell Falcons, Juventus and Croatia are added to the southern region, then the existing PSL clubs in Melbourne would get more money from games against them than from games against the two Brisbane clubs, Canberra and Wollongong.

The reason, quite simply, is that Ajax, Morwell, Juventus and Croatia would bring their own fans with them.

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The same applies in South Australia if Azzurri and Croatia were added, and in Sydney if you included Croatia, Melita Eagles, Polonia and Blacktown.

The regions should be administered by management committees appointed by the State federations represented in each region. This does not mean that the present PSL bosses would lose control. Rather, they would be better placed than anyone to have themselves elected onto the new management committee.

The regional competitions, unlike the PSL, would thus have voting power on the ASF, because they would be part of the federation structure.

A restructuring of leagues below the regional divisions probably would be part of the change, and in that restructuring, the most progressive clubs from minor divisions would be granted the higher status they deserve. Dead wood would be replaced by new wood.

The mere fact that regionalisation would involve the promotion of 16 clubs throughout Australia would guarantee additional media coverage, partly because the media have shown themselves interested mainly in clubs within their own circulation area. Melbourne clubs get virtually no coverage in the Sydney papers, and vice-versa.

Competitiveness would be maximised throughout all leagues. Because relegation would be automatic, there would be no complacency at the bottom. As it is at the moment, almost half the PSL clubs never would be relegated. The fight for the top would be even keener than it is now. The prizes at stake would be not only the regional championship, but also advancement into the national play-off series.

Clubs in the leagues lower down would have as their aim, promotion to the national competition, providing they have the right ground facilities. This requirement should prompt the ambitious clubs to make sure their grounds are up to scratch.

In short, all clubs in all leagues would feel part of such a regional competition. Only in such an atmosphere can we hope to have at least some cross-over of fans when their own particular club is not playing.

Although I have been advocating a southern and northern set-up, this could have drawbacks for some clubs.

As I said earlier, the Brisbane representative still would be faced by high travel costs. Wollongong, Newcastle and Canberra also would have to travel every week and would not make the financial gains of clubs in major cities.

League subsidies could be considered, I suppose.

On the other hand, as far as Queensland is concerned, it could, if necessary, play its own State League, independent of the regions, and its State League champion could join the two regional winners for the first round of the national play-offs.

Newcastle could perhaps be granted a second berth in the northern region but unfortunately, there appears to be no solution to the dilemma of Wollongong and Canberra. They would have to like it or lump it.

A loose breakdown of the southern and northern regions would be: SOUTHERN: Eight clubs from Melbourne, four from South Australia, one or perhaps two from Tasmania, one from Geelong and perhaps one other Victorian country centre, one from a South Australian centre like Whyalla.

NORTHERN REGION: Eight from Sydney, two from Newcastle, four from Brisbane, one each from Canberra and Wollongong.



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Cruyff the savior Dino won't quit yet

Just under a year ago Dutch soccer was at an all-time low with sagging attendances and some clubs being forced to sell top players at basement bargain prices to stay in business.

Holland, World Cup finalists in 1974 and 1978, had failed to qualify for the 1982 finals and badly needed a saviour.

Along he came in the form of Johan Cruyff who had been playing out of the country for some time and was Holland's most gifted player of all time.

Cruyff returned to his old love, Ajax of Amsterdam, and almost immediately lifted the gates from about 8000 to around 24,000. Every club benefitted from the maestro's return and for the first time in 10 years there was an overall increase in the league attendances.

Cruyff, playing as an attacking sweeper, led Ajax to the league championship and back into the European Cup when it rattled in 14 goals in 34 matches.

Now all Holland is hoping that the adrenalin will keep flowing in the veins of the 35 year old Cruyff for the new season and hopefully for a few years to come. For without a doubt he is its saint and saviour.

Juventus and Italian World Cup skipper and keeper Dino Zoff plans to carry on despite the fact he is 40. Dino says: "Why

should I give up now when I feel better than I did four years ago." He is married with a nine year old son, Marco.

Borussia Dortmund recently axed Yugoslav manager Branko Zepic and replaced him with Heinz Feldkamp of Kaiserslautern.

With outlets to Australia and even America for free transfer players now strictly limited, hundreds in England signed on the dot after their full-time contracts ended on July 31. One of the biggest surprises was the freeing of 20 year old winger Peter Bodak from Coventry City who had played a considerable number of first team games and had shown great potential. He was quickly snapped up however by Ron Atkinson for Manchester United.

John Brownlie, the Newcastle United and former Scotland defender whose brother Don has given long service to Box Hill, may move south a few miles and join Bobby Murdoch's Middlesbrough.

John Cruyff will be a popular member of the Ajax

side when it plays Celtic in the European Cup in Glasgow. For Cruyff openly admired Scotland's play in the World Cup and felt it was unlucky not to qualify for the second phase.

Clive White, the English referee who officiated at the World Cup and recently was fined \$3000 in court for deception may find himself removed from the Football League's referee list. The League is investigating his civil case. Two years ago the League removed Cheshire newsagent Kevin McNally from the list after he had been fined \$1000 in court.

Striker Andy King, who joined Everton from Luton in 1976 for \$70,000 then was sold for \$300,000 two years ago to Queens Park Rangers and had since moved to West Bromwich has returned to Everton in a straight swap for Peter Eastoe.

Jack Charlton, the Sheffield Wednesday boss, is fuming after the Football League Tribunal fixed a \$200,000 fee against unsettled striker Tony Curran who is set to join near neighbour Sheffield United. Charlton



**From JIM COOK
our European
correspondent**

values Curran at around \$500,000 and in consequence future relationship between the two Yorkshire clubs is likely to become cool.

Glasgow Rangers has made its third new capture of the season by working out \$400,000 to Hibernian for Under-23 Scotland full back Craig Paterson. The Ibrox side already had bought Swedish international winger Robert Prytz and Partick Thistle defender Dave McKinnon.

Joe Jordan claims he is the only player to have scored in the last three World Cups. This has neither been confirmed nor denied in official quarters.

Figures released by the BBC and ITV in Britain show that only 13,300,000 viewed the World Cup final in that country — a drop of nearly 50 percent from the audience who watched the 1978 final.

Don Shanks, the 28 year old Brighton player, claims he had a punch-up with 36 year old George Best outside a London hotel and gave the Irishman a black eye. But Best denied there had been any fistfists. Best recently "punched" Shanks' girlfriend Swedish beauty Mary Stavin.

Mick Channon, the former Manchester City and Southampton striker who played for England 46 times and was a member of the recent ill-fated rebel tour of South Africa, says he will sue the F.A. if he is banned for taking part. Channon, freed by Southampton, stayed on to play four matches for Durburn.

Ipswich Town is feeling the pinch before the new season starts. It lost manager Bobby Robson who has taken over from Ron Greenwood with England and Arnold Muhren, its talented Dutch midfielder, chose to join Manchester United after his contract ended with the East Anglian club. Now Scottish World Cup striker John Wark is sidelined after an operation for the removal of a cyst from his eye.

Kevin Keegan, 32, will continue playing after his contract with Southampton ends in July 1983. And the former Liverpool and Hamburg star has hinted he could go back to Germany or try French soccer or even head for America and perhaps New York Cosmos.

Bristol City's relegation for three successive seasons has no equal in English League soccer. If it continues its failure this season in Fourth Division it's odds-on that would mean oblivion.

Soccer players guilty of a "professional foul" will be sent off automatically in the Football League from the start of the new season next month. Any player deliberately handling the ball to prevent a goal or to stop a player getting into a scoring position will also be dismissed.

The 1986 World Cup finals scheduled for Colombia could have four first round groups, each of six teams and a second phase of two groups of six with the winners in each going into the semi-finals.

And FIFA has adopted a

two-point resolution aimed at preventing a repetition of the passive play seen in the West Germany-Austria first round tie.

FIFA said the tactical behaviour of the teams has "affected the reputation of the entire competition."

Scottish Premier League side St Mirren turned down a \$400,000 offer from new English First Division side Luton Town for Scotland Under-21 striker Frank McAvennie.

BRIEFLY... Under 21 England star Garry Mabbutt, diabetic, is expected to join Spurs from Bristol Rovers for \$300,000. Former Scottish international Willie Carr has joined Millwall from Wolves for a small five figure fee.

Southampton is reported to have offered Peter Shilton the Nottingham Forest and England keeper \$500,000 plus \$200,000 signing fee to join... Northern Ireland's teenage World Cup discovery Norman Whiteside, is likely to get a regular first team place with Manchester United... Ron Wylie, ex-assistant manager of Coventry City who has been bossing

Bulova in Hong Kong, may be the new West Bromwich Albion successor to Ronnie Allen who has taken over as general manager as Notts County No. 2, Jimmy Sirrel, rejected the WBA post.

Scotland's Hampden Park in Glasgow is undergoing a face lift with \$5 million renovations and for the next two years attendances will be limited to 37,000. Hampden has housed many 150,000 crowds in the past.

Ambitious Leicester City which lost manager Jack Wallace to Motherwell, may lose another two Scots. Double strikers Alan Young and Jim Melrose, both Scotland Under-23 players, could be leaving Filbert Street. Manchester City and Spurs are keen on Young while Melrose is also known to have admirers.

Everton's next big signing may be Scotland World Cup full back Frank Gray of Leeds United... now that brother Eddie has taken over as manager of the relegated Yorkshire club.

Adshead to stay in NZ

Despite rumors of lucrative offers from Australia, North America and the Middle East, New Zealand national team manager John Adshead will remain in Auckland — at least for another year.

Adshead has been appointed head of a sports foundation recently established by a commercial radio station. His contract extends to July, 1983.

Although the foundation will promote all sports, he will be free to pursue his soccer duties whenever he wishes.

Adshead's contract with the New Zealand federation ends in September and, at this stage, it is not certain that it will be renewed. Contrary to earlier reports, the problems are not financial.

The main point of contention appears to be just where Adshead's duties commence and those of national director of coaching Allan Jones end.

There is still a faction within the federation that favor Jones' appointment as team manager, despite the miracles achieved by Adshead over the past 16 months.

The Lancastrian has been a high profile figure in that period and it is felt in certain quarters that he should be brought down a peg or two.

It would be a tragedy for New Zealand soccer if Adshead, whose track record is vastly superior to any other contender for the post, was to be discarded due to a petty personality clash.

The situation however is not unique to New Zealand, as Rale Rasic will testify.

— PAUL MOON

Nine Italians reprieved

Italian footballers suspended in the wake of the bribes scandal which rocked the country just over two years ago have had their sentences reduced by the Italian Football Federation (FIGC).

The unanimous decision of the FIGC federal council to lift the penalties is seen here as yet another celebration of Italy's World Cup triumph, which was made possible by Juventus star Paolo Rossi, who only returned to the game a month before the finals after serving two years of an original three year ban imposed for his part in the scandal.

Rossi, the best-known player implicated in the affair, went on to become top scorer in the World Cup finals with six goals, including three in the famous victory over Brazil and one against West Germany in the final.

The amnesty means that nine of 12 players still serving suspensions will be able to return to football immediately, but the remaining three, all under life-time bans, will have to wait at least until next year before playing again.

Massimo Cacciatori of Lazio and Mauro Delia Martina of Perugia will be allowed to play again from March 27 next year, but the ban on Stefano Pellegrini of Avellino will not be lifted until March 27, 1984.

The nine who will be able to resume their careers immediately are Bruno Corrado, Lionello Manfredonia and Giuseppe Wilson of Lazio; Carlo Petrini and Giuseppe Savoldi of Bologna; Enrico Albertosi of Milan, Luciano Zecchini of Perugia, Massimiliano di Taranto and Guido Nagerini of Palermo.

But the council has ordered that all will be "on trial" for two years, and would lose the right to the reprieve if they are found to have committed any further offences in that time.

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Frankston City learns a costly lesson

The recent history of Victorian State League club Frankston City is a lesson to all clubs to live within their means. It also presents a strong argument for economy and regionalisation of the PSL.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

PSL clubs are finding that without average home gates of at least 4000 paying customers, financial viability is increasingly difficult.

There's a flicker of light at the end of the long tunnel in which Frankston City has found itself since 1976.

That was the year the Boyziders finished fourth in the First Division of Victoria's Metropolitan League. The formation of the PSL the following year was Frankston City's ticket into State League which found itself with four vacancies after Helka, Alexander, JUST and Mooroolbark joined PSL ranks.

It was in 1978 with North Seaford Reserve as its home ground that Frankston City took out a \$15,000 guaranteed overdraft with a local bank to improve its squad. Former Socceros Sandy Irvine and Helka star Andy Savage were two of the players bought with the overdraft.

The following year the Boyziders formed a co-operative which took out a loan of \$40,000 to build clubrooms on Frankston's proposed new home at Centenary Park.

It was an ambitious move for a club formed in 1951 as Heart of Oaks. It also was the first tentative step along the path to economic instability and near extinction.

The co-operative was instructed to see that the clubrooms were built to completion.

It was to be the start of a plan to make Frankston City one of the strongest clubs in Victoria and eventually secure PSL status.

But the club rarely has enjoyed a healthy relationship with the local council.

Committeeman Les Smith explains.

"Frankly I think that the council wanted us off North Seaford Reserve."

"We had a license to consume liquor on the premises, we were sharing the ground with Seaford Juniors and little athletics used the facilities as well."

"The dressing rooms were about 70 yards from the pitch and during pre-season training in 1977 we couldn't use them. Little athletics were using the rooms as storage space. Our players were forced to get changed in a little shed commonly used to store lime with which we marked the pitch."

"We had to pay over \$600 in rent in 1976 and when we applied to build next to the pitch the local residents successfully petitioned the council which vetoed our proposal."

"But a motorcycle club was allowed to build clubrooms next to our main ground. When they were built we used the bar. We asked the council to put a glass front on the building. They gladly obliged then presented us with a \$280 bill for doing it."

"We had to get away from North Seaford. Derek Bunyon, a local councillor and former mayor, took an interest in the club."

"At the time we were offered a ground at Eel Race Road but it was hopeless. We felt that we were getting the bum's rush from council."

"Kenanook Oval was offered to us next but there was a footy club already using it. Another petition was drummed up against us and that was the end of that venue."

"Then we were offered either a ground at Frankston East or the council tip."

"If we built a ground and facilities at the tip it would be on a dollar-for-dollar basis with the council."

"Derek Bunyon advised us to accept and we did."

"Oh, by the way, we also put in an application to use Frankston footy club's Victorian Football Association ground around about that time. We stated that as we were the senior sporting body in the area we should be given the best ground."

"It was rumored at the time that Frankston footy club owed the council about \$15,000

but we got knocked back so it was off to the tip."

A general meeting was held and the co-operative formed.

Player wages and signing-on fees couldn't be covered by the average home gate at North Seaford of about 500.

The club applied for another overdraft, of \$18,000, which was granted.

The clubrooms and pitch at Centenary Park officially were opened on June 16, 1977. Frankston didn't christen its new home with a win, going down 5-0 to Croatia.

"It was obvious from the outset that the clubroom was a huge white elephant," said Smith.

"It wasn't centrally located enough to draw a healthy crowd and our average attendance fell to around the 200 mark."

In a bid to drum up much needed support Frankston brought out former England international Martin Peters as a guest player in 1979. He was paid \$1000 a game and during his stay the team was winning, membership rose to near 400 and the club just about broke even on the venture.

It was at this time that the club found out that its clubroom didn't cost \$55,000. As new bills suddenly appeared it was discovered that the cost was closer to \$85,000. One of the bills was for an industrial washing machine, costing \$2200.

Various committees became guarantors for yet another overdraft, this time for \$27,000.

Player wages and signing-on fees for 1979 totalled \$86,000. The team finished second in State League and was the beaten finalist in the Dockerty Cup.

The following year bookkeeping started. With news of the club's debt out in the open some members reacted angrily claiming financial mismanagement by the committee. The committee itself was split. Too many people tried to pass the buck.

The 10 member committee split into two factions deadlocked at 5-5. Resignations enabled one faction to assume control but at the end-of-year general meeting no financial statement was available. It was alleged that all records were lost.

Martin Chivers, another ex-England international, was brought out as a guest player in August, 1980. He was on \$1000 a game but the pitch at Centenary Park was a disaster. Heavy rain made it unplayable and games were called off.

Chivers was guaranteed \$1000 a game for three appearances. He only played twice. His last appearance never eventuated as the game was washed out. The club still paid him \$1000 for that match. He handed back \$500.

One of the major problems was Frankston's inability to gain a year-long income from Centenary Park. The poor pitch made it impossible to hold friendly games and five-a-side tournaments as money spinners during the off-season.

The 1980 committee decided that it couldn't afford to pay the players in full. It said that they would be paid at the end of the year but 12 players approached the VSF claiming breach of contract and were given free transfers. Frankston City had lost about \$40,000, the value of these players on the open market had the club been allowed to sell them.

In November, 1980, John Barclay, who had returned from a two year business venture in Canberra, was elected president. Les Smith became vice-president.

The bank closed the club's account in 1981. Operating on another account Frankston made a profit of \$2000. It also paid off \$16,000 of its debt. For eight months the bank received \$800 a month.

Earlier this year the club was summoned to appear before council to decide on arrangements for outstanding rent of about \$3000. A council ultimatum meant that Frankston had to pay \$300 a month. It has met that payment regularly

since January and has paid off over \$2000.

Over \$10,000 has been paid to other creditors and at least it appears that the iceberg which has submerged the club's financial viability for five years is about to melt.

"Within reason we've barely run up a debt this year because we've dealt strictly on a cash basis," said Smith.

"Now we can start taking care of the players because our major creditors are being appeased."

"We owe about \$3000 in back wages and signing-on fees but the players have been promised that they'll be paid and they will be."

A trust has been set up to handle the combined overdraft and co-operative loan repayment of \$800 a month. The club still has 11 years left to pay off the co-operative loan and everything is running smoothly at long last.

There is every reason to believe that Frankston City will be in its strongest financial position for five years going into the 1983 season.



Former England international and Frankston City guest player Martin Peters shows off his skill by juggling the ball on his knee.

Lights go on for Lyndale

Victorian Amateur League First Division club Lyndale United officially will unveil new floodlights on its home ground this Thursday (tomorrow) at 7.30 pm.

Lyndale's home is Barry Powell Reserve in Halton Road, North Dandenong and VSF secretary George Wallace is one of a number of guests who will be present on the gala occasion.

The new lights are valued at about \$13,500 and will be in full use when a team made up of Lyndale old boys takes on the club's under-15's, kick-off 6.30 pm.

The main game, between Lyndale United's senior and reserve outfits kicks-off at 8 pm.

The club's main sponsor is Dandenong Credit Union.

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Martin Chivers (left) and then chairman of Frankston City's match committee, Del Unas, look at the sorry state of the Centenary Park pitch back in 1980. Chivers received \$500 for the game which had to be called off.

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Northcote - Doveton: fight to the death!

Relegation battles, top four clashes and a local derby make this weekend's State League round one of the most interesting of the season.

With Green Gully Ajax steaming away from the field on course for a second successive championship interest centres upon the fight to avoid the drop into Metro ranks and the composition of the end of season State League Cup fought out by the top four league sides.

Northcote and Doveton clash at John Cain Reserve on Sunday and the loser will stare relegation fair and square in the face.

Big Northcote striker Col McCurdy has returned to his native Northern Ireland and will be sorely missed.

However Northcote's defence is considerably tighter than at the start of the season. There's years of experience in its central defensive combination of Bertie Lutton and Norm Maitland and big Bob Provan doesn't let much get past. Young goalkeeper Spiro Kardamitsis has a big future ahead of him so Northcote coach Billy Millen can breathe a bit easier than he did when he first took on the huge task of saving the State League status of this Greek sponsored club.

The winner here will be the side which shows more adventure. Hanging back and settling for a point won't clear the air of gloom hanging over these bottom-of-the-table clubs.

I'm going to stick out my neck and tip Doveton. The Doveton of last year finally is emerging — the commitment and spirit, hallmarks of Doveton, 1981 style, are going to prove all important if the Waratah Reserve outfit is going to avoid the drop.

On paper Northcote can compete with most State League sides in defence and midfield but with McCurdy gone the Northerners don't look to have enough bite up front and this could be their downfall on Sunday.

John Dowie's talents don't deserve to be wasted in State League. The former Fulham and Glasgow Celtic player has the attitude to match his skills and it won't be long before he attracts PSL attention.

Frankston City's State League days are short numbered if it can't get at least a point from its visit to Selwyn Park on Saturday to meet home side Albion Rovers.

The Baysiders probably are going to adopt an attacking stance from now on, using a 4-2-4 formation with Billy Buchanan, Kevin Wall, Graham Tutill and Richard Sekulski up front. It almost paid dividends against Falcons last Saturday and coach Tommy Robertson is likely to tell his side to take the bit between the teeth and go to Albion.

It might work and this game could provide one of the upsets of the round.

Juventus can beat Morwell Falcons on Saturday and take an important step toward winning a State League Cup berth.

This has all the ingredients for an exciting clash — quality strikers, skilled midfielders and spectacular goalkeepers.

Juventus is steadier at the back and this may prove crucial.

However the Bannon brothers, Paddy and Vince and Peter Donaldson and Harry Hird won't want to give Riccino and Noel Mitten much room.

Sunshine and George Cross, co-tenants of Chaplin Reserve, may have to settle for a share of the spoils after Sunday's battle.

The Shiners are desperate to stay clear of the relegation battle and George Cross is in with a chance of making top four. Big stakes for both sides.

But if Sunshine gets its defensive formation right with Rob Gramsbergen stopper and Nick Lowe sweeping, then Cross faces Bobby Toal and Carl Gilder, could be in for a frustrating afternoon.

Hellas-Hakoah's top four aspirations could end at Jubilee Park on Saturday against Ringwood Wilhelmnia. The Dutch sponsored home side boasts striker Joe Carroll, the most impressive new forward on the State League scene. Joe Tront is back after injury in his customary playmaker's role in midfield.

Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

	Albion v Frank.C.	Falcons v Juve	R'wood W. v H.Hak.	S'shine v G.Cross	Croatia v Croydon	North v Doveton	Polonia v Ajax
TIM WHITE	Draw	Draw	H.Hak.	G.Cross	Draw	North	Ajax
LAURIE SCHWAB	Draw	Juve	Draw	Draw	Croatia	North	Ajax
CRAIG MACKENZIE	Frank.C.	Juve	R'wood	Draw	Croatia	Doves	Ajax
BILL VOJTEK	Albion	Draw	H.Hak.	S'shine	Croatia	North	Ajax
LES SHORROCK	Albion	Juve	Draw	S'shine	Croatia	North	Ajax

Wilhelmnia's biggest worries will be trying to curb quicksilver Duncan Cummings especially on the break and keeping talented Scott Eddie Gray in check.

Melbourne Croatia should beat Croydon at Olympic Park on Sunday even though a win for the visitors would be particularly pleasing for Croydon coach Bill McArthur who was axed by Croatia earlier this year.

And Croydon's biggest problem could be its former player Dave Brogan, undoubtedly one of the classiest strikers in the league.

Polonia must grab at least a point from its Raleigh Reserve clash with Ajax to keep in touch with the top four but I don't hold out much hope for the Polish sponsored club against the champion elect.

STATE LEAGUE LEADER

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ALBION	17	0	2	49	12	34
CROATIA	12	3	4	39	20	27
JUVENUS	10	2	7	34	23	22
MORWELL F.	10	2	7	31	27	22
Polonia	8	5	8	32	28	21
Hellas-Hakoah	7	6	5	23	21	20
George Cross	8	4	7	28	20	20
Wilhelmnia	6	6	7	26	29	18
Croydon	5	8	6	18	31	18
Albion Rovers	4	8	7	23	18	16
Sunshine	5	5	9	18	31	15
Northcote	3	5	10	16	36	11
Doveton	3	4	12	16	35	10
Frankston	3	4	11	18	41	10

SATURDAY

Albion Rovers v Frankston City at Selwyn Park, 2.45pm.
Morwell Falcons v Juventus at North Criggin Reserve, 2.45pm.

SUNDAY

Sunshine v George Cross at Chaplin Reserve, 3pm.
Melbourne Croatia v Croydon at Olympic Park No.1, 3pm.

Northcote v Doveton at John Cain Reserve, 3pm.
Polonia v Green Gully Ajax at Raleigh Reserve, 3pm.

ALBION ROVERS 1 (Lloyd) POLONIA 1 (Liparski)

ALBION: Lacoach 7 — Cutter 7, Crenny 6, Munro 6, A. McMillan 6 — Farris 6, O'Sylva 6, Smart 6 — Lloyd 7, S. McMillan 7, Cople 6.
POLONIA: Dzianakowski 5 — Klein 5, Milla 8, A. Czupnik 6, Pichner 5 (Lukic 63rd) — Jaworski 7, P. Czupnik 6, Smolenski 6 — Liparski 6, Przybylo 5 (Innes 76th), Krynski 7.

Stefan Milla may have played himself into Tim White's Victorian squad and

has become odds-on favorite to clinch our Ametco Travel State League Player of the Year award.

The talented Pole, who arrived here last May, was the one shining light in a disappointing performance from top four aspirant Polonia at Selwyn Park on Saturday. State coach White watched Milla with interest.

Albion though can be satisfied with the result and is close to achieving its short term target of preserving its State League status.

Albion hit the front in the 49th minute when English import Kevin Lloyd latched onto the ball inside the Polonia area and thumped it home from close range. Big Polonia keeper Leszek Dzianakowski had failed to handle cleanly a Steve McMillan shot and Lloyd pounced on the loose ball.

Polonia snatched a point some 15 minutes later thanks to Ricky Liparski after an Albion defender had blocked a shot following a corner.

Scare for Falcons

FRANKSTON CITY 1 (Sekulski) MORWELL FALCONS 3 (McClunie, Mitten, T. van Baar).

FRANKSTON CITY: Petersen 7 — Campbell 7, Pye 6, Drincovick 6, Stewart 6 — Buchanan 6, Cooke 6, Mitchell 6 — O'Connor H.T. 41, Sekulski 7, Wall 7, Tubill 7.
FALCONS: Whiteside 7 — Smart 6, Higham 7, Wilson 7, Neil 8 — Bingham 6, Daniels 6 (Inj. Brabbin 70th), O'Callaghan 6, Mitten 7, McClunie 7, T. van Baar 6.

Morwell Falcons almost threw away a 2-0 lead within a dramatic minute of the second half but eventually ran out 3-1 winners in far from convincing fashion.

Regular Falcons sweeper Sandy Irvine had the mumps and was unavailable and his calming influence was missed during the second half as the plucky Baysiders reverted to a 4-2-4 formation and worried the life out of a shaky Falcons defence. If not for the tremendous covering of left back David Neil, Falcons could have come out of this match with their heads hung low.

The Latrobe Valley side had by far the better of the first half but the skilful Richard Sekulski threw a scare into the Falcons camp in the 14th minute.

The former Polonia star took a free kick on the right, just outside Falcons' area. As the ball came curling toward

goal, keeper Bill Whiteside threw his arms apart, indicating that he thought the ball was going wide. Instead it cannoned onto the near post, rebounded back into play and was scrambled clear.

Nigel Daniels, the best midfielder on show, played a big hand in Falcons opening goal in the 22nd minute. He had the good sense to play the ball back into the Frankston area quicker than it had come out. Big Richie McClunie was there, controlled well, rounded Frank Petersen then slid down to hit the ball low into the far corner.

A similar move in the 35th minute led to Falcons' second goal. A Frankston goalkick was headed back firmly by Harry Bingham over a flat footed Frankston defence and alert Noel Mitten steadied then drilled the ball with a well timed volley past stranded Petersen.

McClunie put Tony van Baar through in the 54th minute but sweeper David Pye did well to block the shot from the blond headed Falcons' striker.

Then the rot set in. Sekulski hammered the ball past Whiteside from about five metres and a minute later half time substitute Pat O'Connor

blew a great chance to level. Sekulski was getting far too much room down Frankston's left and he hit a hard, low ball across the face of Falcons' goal. Kevin Wall just failed to make contact and O'Connor was waiting at the back post. With the gaping goal at his mercy O'Connor casually side-footed the ball wide.

Some Falcons supporters showed as much confidence as their defenders at this time and Frankston sensed that it was in with a chance.

That chance however dissolved in the 84th minute. McClunie beat Paul Drincovick and Pye inside the Frankston



Kevin Lloyd of Albion Rovers.

area, cut the ball back and Tony van Baar hit a low first time shot into the far corner.

Two to Lewis

DOVETON 0 GREEN GULLY AJAX 3 (Paul Lewis 2, Greechan).

DOVETON: Keogh 6 — Train 7, Corka, Hulsi 7 (Stirton 74th), Gooch 5 — McIvor 7, Andrews 5 (Irvine 60th), Dowie 7, Quin 4 — Thurlow 7, Webster 6.

AJAX: Denny 7 — Dickson 7, Gardiner 6, Cannell 8, Hagben 7 — Greechan 7 (Bennett 77th), Boyle 7, Vassallo 6 — Macleod 6, Paul Lewis 2, Williams 7.

God knows why Doveton didn't take this game up to the champion elect but I don't.

Even when the Doves fell a goal behind they seemed hell bent on getting as many men back behind the ball as quickly as possible. They never really recovered from going 1-0 behind in the 31st minute but they blew two good chances to strike the first blow.

Alan Quin hammered the ball over when he could have scored early then John Dowie and Quin combined well with Dowie switching play from the left to unmarked Mike McIvor on the right edge of Ajax's area. Unfortunately for the struggling Doves the Irishman hit a first time volley about 30 metres over.

Then Peter "The Sex Machine" Dickinson, a label given to the new Ajax import by three ladies in the Windsor Castle Hotel, displayed talents of a different kind when he

overlapped down the right and crossed. Daryl Gooch made the first of two bad blunders, failed to clear, and there was will of the wisp Paul Lewis lurking behind and he made no mistake with a low shot past Sean Keogh from six metres.

Another Dickinson cross in the 70th minute led to Ajax's second goal. The ball was cleared only to the edge of the Doveton area, Peter Boyle screamed to Kit Greechan to leave it but Greechan had other ideas and struck a low, bouncing shot in off the far post with Keogh reacting too late.

Paul Lewis struck again five minutes later when a dreadful miskick by Gooch sent the lightning quick Lewis through to toe poke the ball under the body of advancing Keogh.

Lewis twice set up Gus Macleod with only Keogh to beat but much to the delight of a small group of Doveton supporters the big man missed both times.

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Victoria's under-15 squad. Back row: Tony Dunkerley (coach); Greg Simpson (Sunshine City); George Mihos (Northcote City); Ross Carrozza (Thomastown); Robert Markovic (Melbourne Croatia); Igor Jukic (Melbourne Croatia); Norm Cooper (manager). Front row: Jimmy Pasakos (South Melbourne Hellas); Joe D'Amico (Brighton); Greg Cant (Nunawading City); Michael McLennan (Nunawading City); Scott Watson (Nunawading City); Chris Stomos (Ferntree Gully). Missing: Ernie Tapai (Melbourne); Con Kiekos (South Oakleigh); Victor Cristaldo (Keilor Austria); Paris Tzambis (Albion Rovers); Lorenzo Boggi (Juventus).



Victoria's under-14 squad. Back row: Tom Newbiggin (coach); Igor Lopalic (Footscray J.U.S.T.); Robert Luburic (Melbourne Croatia); Jack Back (Melbourne Croatia); Peter Papalazarou (Caulfield); Greg Brack (Mooroolbark); Mrs Slack (manageress). Front row: Zdravko Basic (Box Hill); David Bosson (Frankston Pines); Tony Narciso (West United); Adam Byrne (Knox City); Robert Brian (Waverley City); Corrado Nobile (Croydon City); Allister Dunkinson (Knox City); Ronald Ichlov (Nunawading City); David Healy (Knox City); Richard Falzon (Sunshine City). Missing: Sebastian ALastino (Moonee Ponds).



Victoria's under-13 squad. Back row: Norm Wood (manager); Zelko Gagula (Albion Rovers); John Markovic (Keilor Austria); Mark Talajic (Melbourne Croatia); George Rufos (Brighton); Jack Caran (Albion Rovers); Alex Eacott (Traralgon); Robert Runge (Seaford); George Jolevski (Preston Makedonia); Alan Alexander (coach). Front row: Anthony Grbac (Fawkner); Dimitrou Mitsou (Clarinda); Doug Hodgson (Frankston Pines); Pino Corallo (Fawkner); Paul Trimboli (Brighton); Stephen Brimmer (Doncaster Rovers); Geoffrey Cates (Doncaster Rovers); Andrew Marth (Sunshine City).

JUNIOR SOCCER ACTION

VICTORIA'S YOUNG LIONS GET SET FOR BATTLE

The national junior championships kick off in August and Victoria already is preparing for its assault on the coveted title of champion state of Australia.

Four national champions will emerge from the titles which cover under-13, 14, 15 and 16 levels.

The under-15 and under-16 championships kick off on August 29 and end on September 4. The following week the under-13s and 14s are held.

Tasmania is the host of the under-13's. South Australia will look after the under-14's, the under-15 titles will be held in Victoria and Penrith, NSW, is the venue for the under-16 championships.

Director of Coaching and under-16 coach Tim White announced his under-16 squad late last week.

The Victorian under-13's are competing in the national titles for the first time.

One member of the squad deserves special recognition. His name is Alex Eacott and he plays with Traralgon in the Latrobe Valley.

Alex is a goalkeeper and his coach, Tony Nightingale, tells us that Alex has been playing soccer since he was 8 years old.

He was selected to represent Latrobe Valley in the country regional championships in 1981 and 1982, both at under-13 level.

Victorian under-13 coach Alan Alexander, selected Alex to play in the country representative side which played the champion under-13 region of the metropolitan area at Elwood last May.

Tom Newbiggin coaches the under-14's and has made six changes to the squad which carried off the national under-13 title in 1981. Newbiggin and

Under 16s

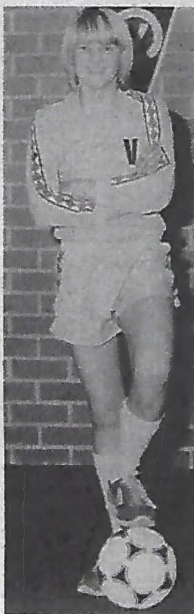
The State under 16 squad for the national championships as Penrith, NSW, from 28 August to 4 September, coached by Tim White, is: Mirko Runje (S'vale), Tom McMorrow (Albion R.), Alan Roodhouse (S. Hill), Adi Kozmichalis (Pt Melb), John Gabrielson (B.Hill), John Metaxis (H'berg), Monilo Stefanovic (Northcote), Warren Spink (Doveton), Nick van Egmond (Nunawading), John Kanaoulia (Hellas), Theo Mitsou (Clayton), Domenico Ruccia (Juventus), Craig Davidson (B.Hill), Claude Avian (H'berg), Tony Costa (Fawkner).

team manageress, Mrs Slack, are confident that their squad can do well once more this year.

Tony Dunkerley is coach of Victoria's under-15 side which will contest the national championships at Monterey Boulevard, home of Frankston Panthers.

Dunkerley has made four changes from the squad which won the under-14 national championship at Mount Isa last year.

The squad has been training at least once a week and already has played practice matches against Keysborough, Doveton, Springvale and Box Hill reserves. Dunkerley and his outfit flew to Canberra early last month and played against an ACT representative side at Bruce Stadium.



Traralgon star Alex Eacott

Buffalo Awards



Jason Kes (pictured, top) and Clement Tieri (above), are our Buffalo Sports Junior Clubmen of the Week. Jason plays for Ringwood Wilhelmina. He started as a five year old and now plays with the under-12's. He has played in goal and out on the field so he obviously is very versatile.

Clement plays with Swan Hill's under-14's. He only started playing last season but already has achieved the distinction of representing Swan Hill in the country championships.

Clement is a midfielder and his favorite player is Ray Clemence, from English F.A. Cup holder Tottenham Hotspur.

Jason will pick up his award, a magnificent Buffalo Sports Bag, from Allens Sports, 67 Main Street, Croydon. Mr Iain Whitten of Buffalo Sports will send out Clement's bag to him.

Junior Cup semi finals

To be played at Green Gully Reserve, Saturday, August 14.

U/11's: Ferntree Gully 'A' v Highpoint; Fawkner v Nunawading City 'A'.

U/12's: Fawkner v Lalor Utd; Northcote City 'A' v Melbourne Croatia.

U/13's: Sunshine City v Bell Park; Knox City 'A' v Brighton.

U/14's: Clarinda v Melbourne Croatia 'A'; Thomastown v Knox City 'A'.

U/15's: Port Melbourne v Keilor Austria; Fawkner v Northcote City.

U/16's: Doveton v Doncaster Rovers; Hellas-Hakoah v Clifton Hill.

Finals to be played at Dendy Park, Brighton on Saturday and Sunday, October 2 and 3.

Barry Grant of B.G. Trophies has donated magnificent new cups to be presented to the JLMC Cup winners at Brighton.

Cameron McLune, 10, Nicki Loos, 12, Gordon Fode, 12 (Sandringham City); P. Yonides, 11, four goals, M. Kwei, 7, M. Mirabella, 10, R. Maglica, 13, five goals, J. McIntosh, 13 (Doncaster Rovers); Tatis Alimouka, 13, Andrew Mazzagatti, 12 (Lyndale United); George Nicholas, 14, four goals (Doveton High School); Tom Koutas, 14 (Clarinda); Michael Haskayne, 7, six goals, Steve Broom, 8, Daniel Unterehner, 8, four goals, Arren Babovic, 8, four goals, Timothy Culham, 8, Dustin Bromley, 8, seven goals, Stephen Best, 7, Luke Smiler, 8 (Mooroolbark); Mark Hindle, 16 (Zdenko Novaselski, 15, five goals, Beto Medved, 16, four goals, Jack Dracine, 16 (North Geelong); Jason Bourke, 10 (Faulconbridge Primary School); Robert Marzen, 13 (Meadow Park); Kevin May, 8, six goals, David Radford, 12 (Traralgon East Olympians); T. Tsatistas, 12, G. Thalamisou, 12, four goals, S. Tattos, 16, (Northcote City).



The Western Region which won the 1982 Victorian regional title. Back row: J. Melrose (manager), A. Zsembery, G. Stavthoulis, S. Davis, J. Markovic, A. Kyriazopou.

los, A. Susnjara, J. Humpart (coach), A. Marth. Centre: C. Sant, E. Lybems, R. Disista, J. Caran, S. Beech, P. Kadlick. Front: C. Cooper, M. Maplesden, Z. Gagula.

Hat-trick heroes

The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-trick Heroes", published every week. This week's hat-trick heroes:

Aaron Burgess, 7, Michael Johnson, 7, Daniel Newstead, 7, Christopher Bubagiar, 7, Martin Yeats, 11, Wayne McGauley, 12, David Watt, 8, Graeme Moore, 8, Daniel Gunther, 8 (Crabbourne). Bruce McLeod, 9, Matthew Sweetnam, 11 (Bathurst Police Citizens Boys' Club); Dennis Kralovic, 10 (Highpoint Western); Leon Beatty, 10 (Springwood); Marjan Lazarovski, 12 (Dino Perfetto, 12, Nigel Brown,

8, Sean McNeilly, 8 (Lyndale United); Bruce Cumming, 13, seven goals (Benalla); Stephen Manley, 11 (Croydon City); Neil Darlington, 14 (Salisbury United); Robert Alessi, 9 (Fawkner); Andrew Dick, 12 (Springvale City); Darren MacLure, 9, four goals, Chris Papis, 11 (Bundoora); Christopher Lemmon, 7, Martin Moore, 16, Steven Shaw, 8 (Karling United); Paul Duggett, 11, Domenic Lamonic, 11 (Croydon City); Alan Nicholls, seven goals, John Brown, five goals, Dave Thompson (Mooroolbark Primary School); David Minnala, 8 (Fawkner); Valdez Medrea, 16 (Beaumaris); Gary Kouch, 11 (Parafield Gardens); Ken Radley, 15 (West United); Paolo Marlini, 9, Danny Elmoutie, 9, Duncan Begley, 8,

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Sadly, the samba just isn't for us

Andrew Dettre

It's good to be back. Spain and the World Cup was (occasionally) fun, the soccer was (in bursts) exciting.

Now, browsing through some newspaper files, I find that during my absence an argument was started regarding our possible need for Brazilian coaches.

Some critics seem to claim that with Brazilian coaches our whole soccer would change for the better.

Others debunk this simplistic theory arguing that it's not the coaches but the archaic administration which retards soccer's growth.

Much as I admire Brazilian soccer and mourn their Mundial defeat, I can't see what

difference it would make to have a few of their coaches working in our midst.

In Brazil, Brazilian coaches work with Brazilian players who are groomed to entertain Brazilian fans in a Brazilian way. And it works.

Here the same coaches would have an entirely different type of playing talent at their disposal. And it wouldn't work.

Brazilian soccer cannot be fully imitated; all who have tried have failed.

It's not only their skill which is different (superior) but their whole attitude to the sport.

Brazil's soccer carries in it characteristics of their cultural background, climate, unique music and racially integrated society.

Without these vital components, you simply cannot produce a "Brazilian" player in Murrumbidgee.

ville, Middlesbrough or Minneapolis.

While in Barcelona, I travelled by bus to nearby Sabadell to watch a Brazilian training session.

I had seen one in 1966 outside Bolton in England and again another outside Frankfurt in 1974. Nothing has changed.

During the warm-up exercises, FIVE trainers work with the 11 players, helping them to stretch, bend or twist

their bodies into near-contortions.

Manager Tele Santana and his assistant, Vava, were merely watching near the centre circle.

Then they start their slow trot, three abreast, in a solid phalanx, moving like a well-rehearsed ballet group, lifting legs or doing other exercises to a four-beat rhythm provided by their own handclap.

It's pure Samba, with the rhythm felt in every

fibre of their body. They are gymnastic, supple and pliable; hardly a rigid, jerking movement on the field.

This, I'm afraid, cannot be accomplished with our senior players who, with very few exceptions, are built differently, lack basic gymnastic ability and are angular in their body movements.

Bring here Tele Santana and his five assistant trainers, send them to any of our PSL teams — and the experiment won't work.

But even if you bring here hundreds of Brazilian coaches and spread them around with our Under-6 teams, Australians won't be able to play like Brazil.

Genetics cannot be changed, neither can the other conditions which make Brazilians play the way they play.

This, in itself, is no major tragedy; there are hundreds of countries who can't play like the Brazilians. Italy, for one — the new world champion.

I wish the recent argument about the pros and cons of having Brazilian coaches here had taken a different turn: the question is good coaches,

trainers and teachers, not where they come from.

We are one of the very few remaining countries in the world where any idiot can launch himself on a coaching career without proper preparation, education and qualification.

Even many of our senior teams, let alone the thousands of juniors, are often in the hands of ill-equipped charlatans whose only excuse for their shortcomings is that "they love the game" or "used to be good players".

This is the area where neither the Australian Soccer Federation nor the states, not even our National Director of coaching, Eric Worthington have grasped the gravity of the situation.

If we are being left behind in world soccer, this is one of the main reasons: the majority of our coaches are coaches only in name.

I think this is the problem we have to solve sooner or later rather than cast envious eyes towards Rio and hope that a few Brazilian coaches could quickly eliminate our backlog we have built up through years of neglect.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Three months ago South Melbourne Hellas right back Gerry Bennett was training with Adams-town-Rosebud in Newcastle and the glamor of the PSL must have seemed like a million miles away.

Bennett and fellow Liverpoolian, Billy Morrey, had grabbed the chance of a good job in Newcastle and left reigning Victorian State League champion Green Gully Ajax last January to head for the dollar further north.

I soon found out how important football was to me," said Bennett.

"There's more to life than working six days a week. The standard of football wasn't the best and I stopped training with Adamstown-Rosebud."

"I came back to Gully and sat on the bench for a couple of games. It didn't bother me, after all you couldn't expect to come back to a side like that and immediately slot it."

Bennett didn't take long to grab his place back in Green Gully Ajax's starting line-up and when Hellas approached the reigning champion wanting to sign the 27 year old defender he jumped at the chance to move to a higher league.

Hellas is rumored to have approached Ajax before Bennett and Morrey left to work in Newcastle. With Bennett working up north and doubt about when he would return, Hellas then zeroed in on another Ajax fullback, big Peter Lewis but the aggressive, attacking defender wouldn't move. Lewis had struck up a happy medium between his role as a player at Ajax and as a family man. Gallivanting around Australia, Hellas wasn't to his liking. When Bennett returned Hellas tried again and succeeded. At last it had solved the problem created at right back when Vince Bannon left Hellas earlier this year to join Juventus in the State League and Bennett had fulfilled one of his ambitions — to play PSL soccer.

Australia's been good to Gerry Bennett. Here he's found his football niche but he came close to making it as a full time professional with English First Division giant Everton.

Bennett was born in the Croxeth area of Liverpool and his first senior club was Formby in the Cheshire League. He started as a 16 year old midfielder and didn't take long to attract the attention of Harry Cook, one of Everton's scouts.

He joined Everton as an amateur and after six months was given \$500 to sign as an apprentice. That was the start of a two year stay with "The Toffen".

Apart from his daily training routine, broken one day a week by a supervision course in Civil Engineering, Bennett and his fellow apprentices took care of the kit for the first team, washing and drying off shorts, socks and training tops.

Bennett completed his engineering course but never completed his advancement into full time professional duties at Everton.

"I got a lot sharper there, my overall fitness increased and my outlook on football improved," he said.

"It's very competitive there. Clubs like Everton want instant success. Some players take longer than others to de-



Gerry Bennett



Gerry Bennett with Green Gully Ajax's 1980 squad. Back row, left to right: Bobby McLachlan (manager-coach), Fred Boller, Grant Smart, John Patten, Mike Lukac, Lou Denys, Lino Grech, Steve Bennie, Bill Morrey. Front row: Bennett, Andy Segl, Willie Vassallo, Dave Hogben, Bill Vojtek, Bernie Turner, Jimmy Dunne, Steve Crilly.

velop but there's no time to wait.

"When Everton no longer wanted me I went back to the Cheshire League and joined Burscough."

During Bennett's year at Burscough he also played with Lobster FC in a Sunday Cup. Former Slavia, Frankston City, Prahran and current Kew City Celtic star David Webb played a couple of games for Lobster at that time.

Lobster won the national cup, the first time a side from Liverpool achieved that honor.

It was round about this time that Bennett watched, slightly perplexed, one of the funniest incidents he's seen on a football field.

"A bloke called Larry Cray was playing for Prestcott Town against Dunlops. The referee was Jim Smith. Anyway, Dunlops had a player called Tony McLaughlin and for some reason he decided to take a swipe at Larry Cray. The ref was standing right next to Cray who ducked and McLaughlin's punch landed fair and square on the ref's jaw. He was knocked out cold for about five minutes!"

Bennett's sense of the ridiculous was heightened by his first game for Ajax back in 1980. Former Ajax player Steve Bennie had been in Liverpool on holiday and talked Bennett and Morrey into coming to Australia but Bennett's debut wasn't particularly enjoyable.

"I was sent off in my first match."

"It was absolutely ridiculous. Me and my opponent went for the ball and clashed and the ref sent us both off."

"To be honest I think that there's a lot of fickle refs in State League. There are a handful of refs I respect, guys like Chris Bambridge and Bob Henderson but there are quite a few that I'd rather forget."

Bennett had switched from midfield to right back at Burscough but when he joined Ajax, manager-coach Bobby McLachlan used him in midfield.

"My strengths were my stamina and work rate and at the time I had to do a hell of a lot of hard work."

"I don't want to sound disrespectful to the other midfielders at Ajax then but I think I lost about six fluid pounds in one game."

Bennett immediately was impressed by Ajax's set-up. The club boasted magnificent social rooms and an excellent pitch, one of the best in the state. And Bennett heard that the club had big plans, plans which reached fruition last year when it won the championship, Ampol and Dockery Cups. It was the highlight of Bennett's stay at Ajax.

"The spirit of the players at Ajax was high. We had a good blend of personalities. I'm a fairly quiet sort of bloke but we had great characters last year like Gus Macleod, Peter Lewis, Alan Bennett, Billy Morrey and Jim Williams. The dressing room banter was magic. And wee Bobby (McLachlan) was good too."

"I always had a good understanding with Bobby. We had our altercations. We didn't always see eye-to-eye on certain aspects of a game but I've got nothing but respect for the man. His heart and soul's in football."

"Bobby's a smart fella. He's brilliant at public relations and he seems to know everyone in the game."

"There was a bit of rubbish spoken about John Gardiner being the real coach, not Bobby. Sure, John took sessions last year but so did Bobby. The way I saw things they had a great relationship and the proof of the pudding is

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Bennett and the 'Mafia'

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"I haven't found the jump from State League to PSL very hard so far.

"I think that the toughest opponent I've had to date is Willie Murray of Sydney City. He didn't always have to take you on and get past you. He could check back and play the early ball. I've got a lot of respect for him.

"His team mate, John Kosmina is another who impressed me. He's so sharp where it counts, in the danger areas.

"I'd have to say that Sydney City is the best side I've played against. Olympic is a more attractive side but Sydney City's very sound.

Bennett is a member of the Liverpool Mafia, a tag given to the many Liverpool born players throughout the Victorian Leagues. They pop up at each other's games whenever they can and they are a closely knit group.

Morrey (Ajax), Webb (Kew City Celtic), Mick McGorran (Pines), Joe Connelly (Springvale City), John Bird (Melbourne), Steve Wild (Pahran), John Collins (Pines) and Gerry Edmondson (Pines) among others are members of that famous fraternity.

Bennett has a preliminary coaching badge and hopes to gain his senior badge soon.

"I'll play as long as I can then I'd love to take up coaching. I don't care at what level, I'm just keen to try and coach.

"But that's hopefully a long way off. There are two many other things on my mind right now."

Things like pulling on the Victorian strip and marching onto Olympic Park to play in the proposed clash with New York Cosmos. Bennett was selected recently in the Victorian squad, a first for him.

There may be many more firsts to come.

Blacktown defeated Yugal at the Gabbie to the tune of 3-0 with two players stealing the limelight. Paul Kirwan played a superb game while Tom Mihajlovic lasted only 27 minutes before being sent off for a tackle on Gerardo Gomez.

This is not the first time that the Yugal player has been ordered off and one must wonder if the ageing star will give the game away. The previous week he scored a superb goal and this week he was the villain. His performances, no matter how brilliant too often are marred by constant backchat.

He is still a player of exceptional soccer ability, but to leave his side with ten men for 63 minutes did little to help his club.

Blacktown, already one goal up, scored soon afterwards to make it 2-0, but fell away in the second half despite its one man advantage.

At Arlington Oval, Croatia made short work of somewhat dispirited Canterbury by winning 4-0. It keeps Croatia firmly in first place. Riverwood defeated Rockdale midweek by 2-0, then repeated the dose against Polonia on Sunday to move into third place.

Manly has come back strongly in the last few rounds to keep in fourth place and looks a strong chance of remaining in the top four. Its new found confidence seems to have coincided with the return of Terry Smith. In fact it was Smith who scored two goals and laid on another two in Manly's runaway victory over Rockdale on Sunday.

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

Avala 3 Monaro 1

Scorers: D. Brown, Karanivolski, Petarovic (A); Valeri (M).

AVALA: Ahrens, Lembrink, Daler, Barton, Vignovic (sent off 88'), Djuricic, Petarovic, Williams, Milne, D. Brown, Karanivolski.

MONARO: Antonopoulos, Francis, Santoluc, Charles, McCready, Lawler, Link, M. Valeri, Sheridan, W. Valeri, Heywood (88' McLeod).

Avala raced into an early lead when Karanivolski scored the first half before increasing its lead in the closing stages of that half.

Leading 3-0 and looking the winner, Avala decided to "ease off" and could have paid dearly for the mistake. Monaro missed a couple of chances including a penalty by Walter Valeri in the last minute, looked by far the better side in the second half in which it scored once.

With only three minutes on the board, Avala scored after some brilliant work by Gary Milne who played great through pass for Don Brown to beat Antonopoulos. Karanivolski pushed Avala further ahead with three minutes remaining in this period after Lembrink's cross.

In the last minute of the half, Monaro was attacking, looking to cut Avala's lead, but exposed itself at the back. A long clearance by an Avala defender found Paterson too fast for Monaro's backline and the finishing was good enough to make it 3-0.

Monaro came back after the interval, peppering Avala's goal, but with little success until the 73rd minute. Valeri added the last touch from a scrumline in the penalty area to beat Ahrens for Monaro's consolation goal.

Avala can take a long holiday from here on. Out of the relegation zone, but by the same token out of the running for top four, Avala has to go through the motions in the last four rounds to end its 1982 campaign. However, the same cannot be said of Monaro, at least not yet. Three points away from bottom placed Rockdale, Monaro will have to get a point or two to make sure of its place in the State League in 1983.

Bankstown 1 Auburn 3

Scorers: Farthing (B), Allen 2, Holloway pen (Aub).

BANKSTOWN: Lohman, Brown, Beck, O'Neil, Rootes, Blackburn (Sent), Bourke, Dotson, Lees, (Williams), Farthing, Campanella.

AUBURN: Bowman, Gulgley, McInerney, Prgomella, Hardwick, Atwell, McKendrick, McDonald, Allan, Holloway, Carney.

Auburn scored from the penalty spot early in the first half, then added two in the space of two minutes midway through the second half to open yet another hole in the sinking ship of Bankstown.

One point against Auburn would have been of immense value to the home side, but the hopes of the small band of Bankstown supporters went with the reappearance of Steve McDonald in the Auburn side. Auburn's player coach was easily the best player on the park and largely responsible for Bankstown's demise.

After only 16 minutes of the first half it was McDonald who made the break but was brought down inside the penalty area. Barry Wilkinson, the referee, had no hesitation in awarding Auburn a penalty, but then the drama unfolded.

Prgomella couldn't find a way past Lohman, but the referee ordered a retake, for an alleged move by Lohman before the kick was taken. Mark Holloway then took a penalty shot which Lohman managed to save, but alas the ball rebounded nicely for Holloway to score on the follow-up.

Early in the second half Auburn showed a little more enterprise and could have easily gone further ahead, but for some poor finishing. Then Allan chimed in with two quick goals at the 63rd and 64th minute marks to make it 3-0. He headed in a cross from Holloway to make it 2-0, then a minute later it was Atwell who provided the service and Allan was on hand to increase Auburn's lead.

Bankstown came back and almost scored in the 72nd through Farthing, then the same player made amends some few minutes later scoring for Bankstown to cut Auburn's advantage to two goals. In fact Farthing could have done better for his side had he converted the chances which came his way.

Midway through the first half he missed a sitter following a mistake by Auburn's keeper, Bowman. Then with 18 minutes to go he was faced with an open goal, but missed yet again. Ironically, he scored a goal in the 76th after some tenuous work which carried him past two players.

For Bankstown this was a crucial loss. In the remaining four matches it meets Yugal, plus three matches against the top four candidates, a tall order indeed.

Rockdale 0 Manly 4

Scorers: T. Smith 2, Van Helden, K. Falconer.

ROCKDALE: Davies, Fraser, J. Battistola, O'Rourke, Hines, Ilovski, Johnstone, B. Smith, J. Morzello, A. Battistola, Tuntowski.

Blacktown-Yugal 3-0, Burrows, Johnstone, Plumb; Bankstown-Auburn 1-3, Farthing (B), Allen 2, Holloway (A); Avala-Monaro 3-1, D. Brown, Karanivolski, Petarovic (A), Link (M); Canterbury-Croatia 0-4, Hausman 2, Golic, Woods; Riverwood-Polonia 2-0, Davies, Stodart; Rockdale-Manly 0-4, T. Smith 2, Van Helden, K. Falconer; Melita-Sutherland 0-0.

CROATIA	22	14	8	2	49	34
BLACKTOWN	22	13	8	3	45	24
RIVERWOOD	22	14	5	4	42	30
MANLY	22	12	5	5	42	20
Sutherland	21	10	5	6	33	25
Canterbury	22	18	5	7	33	25
Melita Eagles	22	8	7	7	33	21
Avala	22	8	8	3	35	20
Polonia	22	5	8	10	18	10
Yugal	21	7	5	9	20	18
Auburn	22	4	10	10	10	18
Monaro	22	4	13	28	11	11
Bankstown	22	3	5	14	24	10
Rockdale	22	2	8	14	24	10

THIS WEEK:
Saturday, 14th of August: Concord - Yugal-Bankstown.
Sunday, 15th of August: King Tomislav - Croatia-Blacktown; Monro Park - Auburn-Rockdale; Cromer - Manly-Avala; Marco Polo - Monaro-Riverwood; Chople Park - Polonia-Sutherland; Arlington - Canterbury-Sutherland.

MANLY: Downer, K. Falconer, Doyle, Dick, Goughen, Lock, Regan, P. Falconer, T. Smith, (R. Stuart 80'), Noble, Van Helden.

From the moment Terry Smith provided the spade work which led to Van Helden's opening goal in the fourth minute it always was going to be Manly's match with Smith earning the man of the match tag.

Smith provided the cross which was headed neatly away by John Van Helden, then the old Hakoh and Sydney City star chimed in with two of his own goals.

In the 37th minute he received a pass from Barry Lock to slam it wide of Beaves from just outside the box, then in the last minute of the first half, Smith repeated the dose, again receiving a pass from Lock.

To end the proceedings, Smith laid on the last goal of the game for Keith Falconer, then some 10 minutes later decided that he had had enough and was replaced by Robbie Stuart.

It was a very convincing performance by Manly and particularly by Smith. It appears that Manly has regained the form which took it to the top of the State League earlier in the season, and with Smith back in full flight Manly looks a good bet to worry the leaders on the "way home" in the last four rounds.



The squad which has taken Mt Scopus into the semi finals of the Hellas Schoolboys Cup. Back row: Jeremy Shapiro, Danny Davis, Chris Beaty (coach), Jonathan Edelstein, Simon Bucjner, Ben Bud. Front row: Joshua Frankel, Mark Davis, Henry Zimmer (captain), Eric Windholtz, Svi Kalb, Steven Pulver, Paul Horowitz.

It's St Pauls v. Mt Scopus

St Paul's and Mt Scopus meet at Middle Park on Sunday, kick-off 1.30 pm in the first semi-final of the South Melbourne Hellas Schoolboys Cup.

The final will be played on Sunday, September 5 as the curtain raiser to the Hellas v APFA clash. The winner of the cup will have \$1000 paid into

Croatia, Blacktown in championship decider

Who will be premiers, who will drop out and who will contest the top four play off? It appears that with four rounds to play Croatia and Blacktown will contest the premiership at King Tomislav Stadium this week, while Bankstown and Rockdale appear destined to fight it out against some strong opposition for the safety of 13th position in the league.

Top four? With Canterbury losing two successive games by a four goal margin, four teams have peeled off from the rest of the field, but Sutherland still is in with a chance.

Let's look at the top six and their opponents in the last four rounds.

CROATIA: Blacktown, Bankstown, Rockdale, Avala.

BLACKTOWN: Croatia, Canterbury, Melita, Bankstown.

RIVERWOOD: Monaro, Manly, Auburn, Yugal.

MANLY WARRINGAH: Avala, Riverwood, Sutherland, Polonia.

SUTHERLAND: Polonia, Monaro, Manly, Auburn, and Yugal (postponed match).

CANTERBURY: Melita, Blacktown, Bankstown, Rockdale.

Canterbury, four points behind the leading group, is out of contention and with Melita and Blacktown coming up in the next two rounds, the side could be in for a tough time to hold onto sixth spot.

Sutherland, the outside chance to move into the top four, has a game in hand and a possible two points against Yugal. Polonia, Monaro and Auburn should provide Sutherland with the "easy pickings", while the match against Manly Warringah on August 29 at Cromer Park should decide the issue.

Bankstown and Rockdale will have an uphill battle to survive. Neither can afford to drop points in the last four rounds. Let's have a look at their respective matches on the way home.

BANKSTOWN: Yugal, Croatia, Canterbury, Blacktown.

ROCKDALE: Auburn, Yugal, Croatia, Canterbury.

Blacktown 3 Yugal 0

Scorers: Burrows, Johnstone, Plumb.
BLACKTOWN: James, Whistley, Razumusan (65' Gurmley), Brown, Plomb, Salvage, Housland, Gomez (Plumb 45'), Burrows, Johnstone, Kirwan.

YUGAL: Wotton, Randall, Cummings, McIntosh, Clarke (Wilson 65'), Augustino, Mihajlovic (sent off 27'), Karacan, Rodas, Rodakova, Tanasoli (Benacke 65'). Blacktown beat Yugal at the Gabbie, hardly having to raise a sweat, but mainly due to the fact that Yugal was reduced to 10 men for most of the match following the dismissal of Tammy Mihajlovic.

After receiving a yellow card for an enthusiastic tackle some 15 minutes into the first half, Mihajlovic decided to give Gerardo Gomez some heavy treatment in the 27th and was dismissed from the field of play by referee Barton.

Blacktown, already a goal up through Paul Burrows, went two up soon afterwards following an error by David McIntosh. Attempting to head back to the keeper, McIntosh headed over Wotton's head to the feet of Johnstone who accepted the gift.

Blacktown eased off in the second half and for long periods Yugal looked the better side despite the fact that it was down to 10 men. However, Yugal players made very little inroads in front of James despite some good work by Amanyi Rokodera their tall striker.

In the end it was Blacktown who finished on a high note scoring with two minutes of the match remaining. Darren Plumb, Blacktown's 15 year old star, who replaced Gomez at half-time, scored following a good pass by Salvage. Wotton got his hands to the ball but failed to hold.

Blacktown now is going to Croatia with one thing in mind. A win there and the championship will be wide open again.

The 17 school tournament is nearing its climax as it moves into the semi-final stage. CBC St Kilda and Mazenod are the other semi-finalists. They clash on Sunday, August 29, before the Hellas v Make-donia match.

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Marconi's a team of Prima Donnas



TIM WHITE
Victorian coaching director

Levels of understanding of the game of soccer can very often lead to confusion which in turn results in individuals criticising each other over statements made concerning the game.

Former Socceroo Jack Reilly recently wrote an article rebuking the sudden jump on the bandwagon which suggested flooding Australia with Brazilian coaches.

Jack made reference to Brazil's lack of coaching costing it a rightful place in the World Cup Final. Perhaps his choice of words was inappropriate in the circumstances, but I understand what he was referring to.

Brazil was superb when in possession, particularly in the opponent's half but lacked discipline in its own half when the opponents were in possession.

This problem only really presented itself in the game against Italy, and Brazil did not cope with it.

This is the area to which Jack was referring as Brazil failed to pressure the man on the ball. As a result Italy rarely gave the ball away and Brazil duly was punished.

Players must be prepared to win the ball back from opponents and must spend time working on the correct way to apply pressure and to also distinguish between pressurising the ball and winning the ball. It is one thing to have superb skills on the ball but the team game requires players to work to get it back.

Coming back to the Australian scene, and remembering that everything is relative, I saw an example of the above at Connor Reserve recently when Preston Makedonia played host to Marconi.

It is a long time since I saw a team of strolling 'Prima Donnas' such as the one paraded by Marconi on that day.

With the exception of Ian Hunter, Paul Degney, Vic Bozanic and Steve Calderon, the rest of the players went through the motions. Preston attackers must have thought all their birthdays had come at once as Marconi failed to close players down, particularly in central attacking positions.

On the occasions when Marconi full backs Bozanic or Degney pushed forward and Marconi lost possession, the remaining players knew little or nothing about delaying the ensuing Preston Makedonia attack.

Marconi's attempts at attack were slow and laborious build-ups, with Maher to Prskalo, to Vieri to Henderson square to Prskalo, back inside to Vieri.

dozen runs up front. Unfortunately his runs were not noticed as the procession of square passes continued around the halfway line.

Vieri spent his afternoon in referee Venios's ear. On one occasion Vieri shot for goal and appealed for a penalty almost in one movement, so one can imagine the concentration on the execution of the shot.

Prskalo uses his experience to read situations which resulted from long balls behind the defence. However when balls are played behind attackers' feet Prskalo retreats and continually allows them the luxury of turning and attacking him with the ball.

Tony Henderson looks a good player at times on the ball but his game against Preston Makedonia further convinced me that he is one of the games' ball watchers when defending.

I will never forget the goals scored by New Zealand against us in Auckland and the part played by Henderson in all three.

The third in particular showed up Henderson's lack of attacking tendency. He still has not learned and Preston certainly took advantage of it, and Prskalo's inability to pressurise players on the ball.

When I saw the line-ups before the game I thought young Preston fullback Con Opasinas would be in for a torrid time from Hilton Silva. The winger was to ineffective however that Opasinas found time to regularly push forward and play a vital part in Preston's build-ups.

Why Mark Jankovics played a role which saw him spend most of his time in his own half or wide on the right near the halfway line, is beyond me.

This player can score goals but this job was left to the less mobile Bertie Mariani.

My criticism of Marconi is not meant to detract from Preston's performance. The home team was quick to assess its opponents' weaknesses and duly punish them.

George McMillan was a revelation up front and worked hard at winning the ball back when Marconi had possession. Gary Ward finished superbly and Georgi Todorovski showed class at the back.

Marconi had another Silva as substitute (no relation to Hilton) on Tuesday. He was secured recently from Croatia in Sydney but I'm sure he must wonder to what depths his teammates have to sink before he gets off the bench and onto the field.

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Name players must fire for Canberra

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Hoszowski, Ontong, Christopoulos, Brennan, Gary Byrne, Terry Byrne, Purdie — If all those guys still have the talent that made them such big names, they'd better find it this week.

If they don't Canberra City not only will be tipped out of the Phillips Cup, but it may find itself locked up tight in the relegation zone, with little hope of escape.

It will be difficult of course. Three games in eight days isn't easy under any circumstances.

Canberra meets Heidelberg in their Phillips Cup semi-final at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday) while Brisbane Lions clash with APIA in Sydney. And on Sunday, Canberra travels to Melbourne once more, to meet Footscray J.U.S.T. which also is in relegation danger.

Of course, relegation is only an academic term as far as Canberra is concerned, for there's every chance that Canberra would be re-elected if the league retains its present format. Heidelberg is firm favorite to win the Cup, and J.U.S.T. is playing very tightly in defence, so Canberra will be the underdog in both matches.

Defensive strength also is the cornerstone of Heidelberg's game. It is because of the confidence that Charlie Yankos, Arthur McMillan and Jim Tansey inspire, that Heidelberg is riding high in the PSL.

The rest is done mainly by Jim Campbell and Gary Cole, who both have scored 12 league goals so far.

These two, plus Jamie Paton, Mike Valentine and Theo Selemidis, should lead down the Canberra defence and send Heidelberg into the Cup final.

J.U.S.T. captain Zoran Ilioski was hoping that he would recover from a hamstring injury in time for the league clash with Canberra at Schintler Reserve.

But while he remains doubtful, it is almost certain that Slobodan Jovanovic will be back after injury, enabling Mendo Ristic to play a more offensive game. He had to play deep against Sydney Olympic, leaving J.U.S.T. with only Zdravko Lujic and Milan Kojic up front.

J.U.S.T. also hopes for much more from guest player Jusuf Hatunovic who was disappointing in his first game, against Olympic.

But there's little wrong with the defence. Kyriakoulas, O'Reilly, Kondarios, Hazabent and Milne all are playing with a lot of aggression.

So it certainly looks like curtains for Canberra, unless the team shows sudden and dramatic improvement. The players are capable of it. Coach George Murray only can hope.

A point of interest: J.U.S.T.'s highest points total in any one PSL season was 25 last year. It now has 22 points and should exceed 25 in the remaining four rounds, yet still is fighting against relegation. That more than anything illustrates how tight the league has been.

Olympic meanwhile, continues its last-ditch effort to get into the top four when it meets Makedonia at Pratten Park on Sunday. But Makedonia now has the same aim, so it should be a hell of a game.

Both teams have 27 points, three outside the four, so the loser will drop out of the race.

Makedonia has taken five of a possible six points in its past three games. In the last two weeks, success has been due to coach Peter Oltman's team reshuffle. George McMillan has been a bit in attack, Claude Lucchesi is relishing his new midfield role and Alan Whittle, who was troubled for so long by injury, is back at his best.

Olympic will try to avenge its 1-4 loss to Makedonia earlier in the year but despite its many talented players, I predict Olympic again will fall prey to Makedonia's breakaway game.

But it still probably will be Olympic's best season in the PSL. Its previous highest was 8th in 1981, and Olympic is sure to finish higher this time. That, however, will be little consolation to its fans, who had high hopes during the six weeks that their team led the league.

Wollongong should hold third place and cement its berth in the finals by beating Brisbane Lions at home.

Wollongong chairman Laurie Kelly announced at the Corral Leagues club on Saturday that former APIA coach Willie Wallace would lead the Wolves in 1983, taking over from player-coach Chris Dunleavy.

In the meantime however, Wallace won't rock the boat. Said Wallace: "The boys are inside the top four and it is up to Chris to continue with the squad that Ken Morton established."

"I'll just be looking on until I officially take over. I'm really looking forward to the challenge."

The matter-of-fact Scot bears no animosity whatsoever to APIA from which he parted company not one month ago.

He said: "In 1980 I had to build a team from practically nothing. This season, we went bad after a great start."

"You can't lose Peter Wilson, Greg Woodhouse, Ian Gray and also Mark Pullen half the time from the defence and maintain balance."

Wallace is looking forward to linking up again with Wollongong's livewire winger Phil O'Connor who starred for him at APIA.

"The difference between this job and the last one is that Wollongong is already there," said the 42-year-old Wallace.

"Players like O'Connor, Roy Cotton, Chris Dunleavy, John Fleming, Arno Bertogna and Peter Tredinnick have a lot to offer. There is plenty of other talent around as well."

If ever a coach appreciates the local product, it is Willie Wallace. He played for Glasgow Celtic in 1967 when it won the European Cup.

Celtic, in fact, was the first club to capture that cup with a team entirely comprised of home-bred players.

Wallace's playing career spanned 17 years. He was part of the illustrious Scotland side that defeated England 3-2 at Wembley just after England had won the 1966 World Cup.

He had two successful years with APIA in 1975-76 then returned to Scotland as assistant manager to Tommy Gemmell with Premier League outfit Dundee.

APIA, under player-coach Peter Wilson, lost to Newcastle last Saturday and is likely to lose again when it meets Heidelberg at Lambert Park.

If Heidelberg wins its Cup game, the confidence gained from such a success should make it a tough opponent indeed in Sydney. Matches with likely winners in capitals:

PHILIPS CUP

(Tonight, Wednesday, 7.30)

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER v. Canberra City at Olympic Park. APIA-Leichhardt v. BRISBANE LIONS at St. George Stadium.

PHILIPS LEAGUE

(Sunday)

IN MELBOURNE

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v. Canberra City at Schintler Reserve, 3pm.
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v. Marconi-Datsun at Middle Park, 3pm.

IN BRISBANE

Brisbane City v. NEWCASTLE KB United at Spencer Park, 3pm.

IN WOLLONGONG

WOLLONGONG v. Brisbane Lions at Wollongong Showgrounds, 3pm.

IN ADELAIDE

West Adelaide Hellas v. ST GEORGE BUDAPEST at Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30 pm.

IN SYDNEY

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v. Adelaide City Juventus at Sydney Athletic Field, 3 pm.
APIA-Leichhardt v. HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER at Lambert Park, 3pm.
Sydney Olympic v. PRESTON MAKEDONIA at Pratten Park, 3pm.

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PHILIPS LEAGUE STANDINGS

Last week's standings in brackets.

		HOME			AWAY				
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L
1.	(1) SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH	8	2	2	27	12	8	3	3
2.	(2) ST GEORGE BUDAPEST	9	2	2	24	10	4	4	5
3.	(3) WOLLONGONG	8	1	3	19	15	6	2	6
4.	(4) HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER	9	3	2	24	14	3	3	6
5.	(5) APIA-Leichhardt	7	3	3	23	20	4	3	6
6.	(7) Sydney Olympic	5	1	7	21	16	6	4	3
7.	(8) Preston-Makedonia	6	4	3	24	18	3	5	5
8.	(6) West Adelaide Hellas	7	2	4	27	12	3	4	6
9.	(9) South Melbourne Hellas	4	2	21	14		2	5	7
10.	(10) Marconi-Datsun	7	2	4	28	16	3	2	8
11.	(11) Brisbane Lions	6	2	5	23	17	2	6	5
12.	(12) Footscray J.U.S.T.	2	7	4	16	17	3	5	5
13.	(14) Newcastle KB United	4	5	4	18	14	1	8	1
14.	(13) Adelaide City Juventus	3	8	2	15	10	2	3	8
15.	(15) Canberra City	4	6	14	23		2	5	5
16.	(16) Brisbane City	4	7	2	21	16	1	2	10

PSL TEAM OF THE WEEK

Figures in brackets denotes total appearances in this team:

KYRIAKOULEAS (1) (Foots JUST)	DANDO (1) (Newcastle)	YANKOS (5) (H'berg)	BERTOOGNA (6) (Wollongong)	CANT (1) (Syd. City)
SENKALSKI (3) (Newcastle)	SUMNER (1) (West Adel)	WHITTLE (3) (Makedonia)		
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 - 13. O'Connor (W)
 - 12. Cole, J. Campbell (H'berg)
 - 11. Glampsoo, Soper (APIA), Jankovics (Marc).
 - 10. Cotton (W).
 - 9. Brown (Mak), J. Nyskohus (AC).
 - 8. Ward (Mak), Barton (St G), Lowe (Newc), Millman (BL), Simic (JUST), Redfern (SO), 7. Slater (St G), Buljevic (SM), Williamson (BL), Bradley (APIA), Petikas (SC), Purdie (Can).

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Hatunic struggles but Lujic wins handy point

**Foots JUST 1
Syd Olympic 1**

Scorers, JUST: Lujic 38th;
Olympic: Koussas 68th.
Venue: Schindler Reserve
Crowd: 3195
Referee: Stewart Mellings 6
Cautions: Kelly (50)

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Ciric 7 - O'Reilly 8 - Milne 7, Kyriakoulas 8, Kondorios 7, Hazabent 7 - Ristovski 6, Hatunic 4, (Curovic 74th), Pjvaljicic 6 - Kojic 5, Lujic 8.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: P. Wilson 7 - Rogers 8, Ziras 8, Rowden 7, K. Wilson 7 - Phillips 8 (inj. sub Kelly 60th), Katholos 8, Raskopoulos 7 - Redfern 7, Koussas 7, Jennings 6.

Footscray J.U.S.T. gained a valuable point in its fight against relegation by drawing 1-1 against Sydney Olympic at Schindler Reserve.

But J.U.S.T. did not get full value from star guest player Jusuf Hatunic.

Hatunic, 31, who has played for Yugoslavia 14 times, complained after the game he was affected by a cold.



Laurie Schwab

"I showed only 30 per cent of my true ability," he said through an interpreter.

Hatunic who will play in the final four games of the season, expects to do much better from now on.

Olympic star Peter Katholos said before the game the players were determined to give all they had as a demonstration of support for coach Doug Collins (see page one).

They did just that "I've never seen such a one-sided game," Collins said later, but he must have been referring to the second half, for by the interval, J.U.S.T. could have led 2-0.

Olympic fought back valiantly after dropping behind in the first half, and in the end



Zdravko Lujic's goal for J.U.S.T. From left: He steals the ball from Jim Ziras and breaks away, takes his shot, and raises both fists in jubilation. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

only the Woodwork prevented an Olympic victory.

J.U.S.T. played with a packed defence and relied solely on Zdravko Lujic in attack.

Lujic put J.U.S.T. into the lead in the 38th minute when he stole the ball from Jim Ziras and ran 20 metres unchallenged before shooting past goalkeeper Peter Wilson.

Earlier Milan Kojic had missed from only five metres after a cross from Lujic, who in another incident, tried a cut-back instead of shooting from close range.

Olympic had the wind advantage in the second half and came close to scoring when a

Vlado Pjvaljicic.

header by Mark Koussas hit the crossbar.

Gary Phillips, who had been starting in midfield, was injured and replaced by Mike Kelly in the 68th minute.

This enabled Ken Wilson to take Wilson's place at full-back.

Wilson's presence on the forward line made a big difference to Olympic, which equalised through Koussas after Ian Rowden had headed on a corner in the 68th minute.

J.U.S.T. had the chance to regain the lead in the 72nd minute when Lujic robbed Martyn Rogers and went on a long run into the penalty area only to have his shot saved by Peter Wilson.

Hatunic, whose play was becoming more and more labouring, was finally replaced by Yelaman Curovic in the 74th minute.

Olympic was unlucky in the

ending moments when a powerful drive by Peter Raskopoulos hit the crossbar.

During Olympic's all-action second-half, the team was driven forward relentlessly by Ziras, Rowden, Katholos, Raskopoulos and, until he went off, Phillips. Up front, Jim Redfern played a very intelligent game, opening up and finding gaps, especially on the right flank.

J.U.S.T. was pushed back into defence for long periods, and the midfielders dropped back too far, making it very difficult to get any forward moves going.

I thought that Mendo Ristovski might be pushed forward to help Lujic up front, but it didn't happen. Lujic was left up there to battle away all on his own. As his breakaway sprints became more and more tiring, so did his effectiveness, but by then he had done all he could.

There were many star defenders in this game, the most notable being Jim Ziras, Kyriakoulas and Jim O'Reilly.



J.U.S.T.'s guest player Jusuf Hatunic, formerly of Partizan Belgrade.

Makedonia fires but Flavell out

**Brisb. Lions 2
Makedonia 3**

Goals, MAKEDONIA: McMillan 16th, own goal 33rd, Ward 37th; LIONS: Williamson pen 42nd, Low 74th.

Cautions: Lions - Atmore, Williamson, Makedonia - Lucches, Flavell.
Venue: Richlands. Crowd: About 500.

Referee: Dave Nugent. 8. LIONS: Scanlan 7, McKinnim 7, Ferris 6, Bennett 7, Niven 6, Hogg 7, Atmore 7, Ogden 8, Jackson 7 (Low 66th), Wright 7, Williamson 7.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Wilson 7, Fox 8, Opasinas 6, Lucchesi 7, Jones 7, Todorovski 6, Whittle 8, Flavell 7, McMillan 8, Petrovski 6, Ward 7 (Ollerton 85th).

Preston Makedonia player-coach Peter Ollerton believes his side can still snatch a top-four position after a gutsy away win against Brisbane Lions.

Although the same statement has been made by nearly every coach this year with the exception possibly of Nereo Satic and Ken Kaiser, Ollerton has good reason and evidence to back his claim.

Makedonia has now taken five of its last possible six points and plays three of its final four matches in Melbourne - against Wollongong, South Melbourne Hellas and Footscray JUST.

The win over Lions took Makedonia to 27 points, only three short of that elusive fourth place, ironically held by another Melbourne side, Heidelberg Alexander.

But while the top four is Ollerton's aim, he is worried the biggest thing which could go against his team is suspensions.

According to Ollerton there are "three or four" players only one card away from a week off.

Already Gordon Flavell will miss this week's fixture because of a yellow card he received midway through the second half of the Lions match.

"This was our strongest side this season," Ollerton said after the victory. "But already I am going to have to make a change because of a suspension. Disruptions like that over these final four weeks could go against us."

But on their first half performance at Richlands, Makedonia showed every bit of a top contender. It was a much different Makedonia than had



Ricky Rosso

been seen in Brisbane in previous years.

Gone were some of the wild late tackles and the seemingly complete lack of match plan and to the purist it was a pleasure to watch as the Makedonia backline played the ball around before picking their spot and sending a front-runner or midfielder goalwards.

It was through this method, combined with some poor Lions defence, that Makedonia's goals resulted. The first came in the 16th minute after constant pressure by Lions.

Alan Whittle, who seemed to dominate the midfield and displayed brilliant distribution, pushed a great ball through to George McMillan, who slotted it in under a weak challenge

from Lions keeper Tony Scanlan.

Whittle was involved in the second goal in the 33rd minute when he chased a throughball. Strangely, midfielder Jackson was the last Lions defender and chased the ball back, but in his desperation to stop Whittle getting there first, he stuck out a foot and lobbed the ball over Scanlan, who was well off his line.

Makedonia's third goal again came from a build-up at the back. The ball finally was worked through to Gary Ward who was allowed to run at Will through the centre of the Lions defence and gave Scanlan no chance with his low, hard shot.

At this stage a big score looked likely, with McMillan causing plenty of trouble and taking a lot of punishment up front.

But a penalty to Lions five minutes after Makedonia's third goal revived the Brisbane side and prompted a second-half comeback.

Lions pegged another goal back in the 73rd minute when winger Craig Low, returning from injury to replace Jackson, darted in on a Danny Wright head-flick to shoot into the net from close range.

Yankos stars, Brennan off

**Heidelberg 1
West Adel. 0**

Scorer: Jim Campbell 81m
Ground Olympic Village
Attendance 3000 (estimated)

Referee: D. Yelland 8
Cautions: Tansley, Atsalas, McGregor, Koulianos.

Sent off: Brennan 78m
HEIDELBERG: Oliver 7, McMillan 7, Yankos 10, Mitchell 7, Tansley 7, Salemids 7, Taylor 7, Campbell 8, Valentine 8, Cole 7, Paton 7.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 7, McGregor 7 (Doorne 84m), Dunn 8, Meric 8, Tulkas 7, Atsalas 7, Brennan 7 (sent off 78th), Sumner 9, Koulianos 7, Hoeneman 7, Hays 8.

Len McKendry calls it percentage football.

To you and me it might translate into a game with fewer goals and not as much entertainment as we would like to see.

But which ever way you look



Peter Desira

at it, the ploy is paying dividends and Heidelberg is the only Melbourne side seriously vying for a top four spot despite having the smallest squad (in numbers) in the PSL.

And, in any case, the first round 4-0 thrashing handed out to the Bengers by West Adelaide dictated McKendry's tactics from the word go.

"We had to be tight at the back."

"They gave us a terrible hiding and kicked us to pieces in Adelaide so there was no

way we would approach this game in a light-hearted manner," the coach said.

Irrespective of the defensive approach the performance of Charlie Yankos at the centre of the back four again highlighted the progress of this youngster in a very short time and he should really start being included alongside Davidson and Katholos as one of the best local products to emerge in the past couple of seasons.

He adapted well to the windy conditions and was superb at sweeper behind a defence which had to cope with a nippy Graham Hays on the left wing and Graeme Honeyman snooping around the box as well as the long range shooting of Steve Sumner.

The wind, blowing down the length of the park, played a big factor in this match but if there was one incident that decided the result, it was Mick Brennan's sending off in the 78th minute.

The midfielder, who earlier

had to go off the park to get attention following a foul on him, might have been getting his own back but was caught in the act in an incident off the ball which saw Ken Taylor hit to the turf and referee David Yelland had no hesitation in bringing out the red card.

Heidelberg scored within three minutes of the incident, with Jim Campbell applying the finishing touch after Gary Cole had met a cross from Jim Tansey on the left and pushed the ball into the clear for the midfielder to hammer it into the net.

Before the send-off, the visitors were in the driving seat, using the wind at their back to better advantage than Heidelberg had in the first half.

Sumner, the driving force in midfield, led the way, cracking a number of long range drives which had Jeff Oliver scurrying all over the place.

Brennan also had a long-range effort going narrowly wide while Hays' shot on the turn forced the keeper into a good save.

For Heidelberg Mick Valentine had a busy afternoon but the side lacked punch in finishing and most of its moves went wide or over or were intercepted before the final shot.

Even in the first half Wests shared the scoring chances. A move involving Cole and Theo Selemidis put Campbell through for a shot which was deflected wide and a long throw by Selemidis was headed down by Jamie Paton for Cole to shoot narrowly over in the opening quarter of an hour.

But West came just as close at the other end, with Oliver doing well to turn a Sumner shot for a corner and Robbie Dunn heading against the post from a corner and having a second effort saved in two attempts by Oliver.

After the goal it was Heidelberg which finished on a high note and Cole twice carved openings with runs down the right, then caused havoc in the defence with his centres, but neither Paton nor Campbell could get on to the end of them to finish.

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Only 550 watch in Canberra

Canberra 1
Brisbane City 0

Scorer: MacLaren.
CANBERRA: Hozowski 7, Ontong 7, T. Byrne 7, Milovanovic 7, G. Byrne 8, Murray 7, Bryant 6, Christopoulos 7 (Stone 7, 45), Purdie 6, Brennan 6, MacLaren 7.
BRISBANE CITY: Pezzano 7, Hamilton 7, Liddell 7, Tokes 7, Perry 7, Hamilton 7, Plimblett 7, McVeigh 7, Bohan 8, Kelso 7 (Osbourne, 80th), Palinkas 7.
Crowd: 550
Referee: D. Rennie
Venue: Bruce Stadium.

Canberra, like Brisbane City, faced with the threat of relegation, won this bottom-of-the-ladder clash but gave their dwindling fans little to enthuse about.

The game was watched by an all-time low Canberra PSL crowd of 550.

And on a beautifully sunny winter's day they were treated to a dull, uninspiring, unimaginative soccer.

Neither side showed grit or determination.

They played like what they are — bottom-of-the-ladder sides.

The game offered real excitement and good old value for money only in the last 13 minutes — after Canberra scored the match-winner.

For the rest of the game there was little to report except territorial play and a few attempts at goal.

But what hurts most was that neither side showed real determination or fight.

Particularly Canberra.

They seemed resigned to their possible fate — relegation, or at least having to re-apply for a PSL position.

For Canberra only three players, plus goalkeeper Hosowski, could be said to have had respectable games. They were midfielder Gary Byrne, big George Christopoulos before being injured and youngster Jim Murray who did a workmanlike job in bottling up the big, strong Barry Kelso.

It was Kelso who missed the match's first real goal-scoring chance early in the second half when a Bevan Bohan ball fell at his feet and Kelso miscued.

Bohan was in fact Brisbane's best player.

Canberra's Steve Bryant and Don MacLaren both had goal-scoring chances but Bryant's shot was saved by goalkeeper Tony Pezzano and MacLaren shot wide.

The second half was just as uneventful.



Peter Windsor

Until, that is, the 77th minute goal.

It was well taken.

Canberra's Ian 'Purdie' waited until he saw Ian Stone free and racing down the right flank and then proceeded to find Stone with a beautifully flighted cross.

Stone raced goalwards and although challenged by a diving Pezzano still managed to squeeze a pass to MacLaren who then placed his shot through a wall of defenders into the net.

Sixty seconds later Steve Bryant missed a sitter.

The miss was incredible! Gary Byrne had sent Bryant racing goalwards with a perfect through ball and Bryant, after first beating a defender and then rounding Pezzano, proceeded to fire against the post with an open goal before him.

Equally incredibly, the ball, after hitting the post, rebounded back into Pezzano's hands.

Brisbane then threw caution to the wind, as they had to, and committed themselves to total attack and young Bohan burst Canberra's defence and fired along the ground for goal.

It had Canberra's goalkeeper Steve Hosowski beaten but the shot whipped the proverbial whisker wide of the upright.

Canberra attacked equally as quickly and Tony Brennan rose high to head home an Ian Purdie corner but referee Doug Rennie correctly, in my view, ruled that Brennan had used a defender's shoulder to push himself into the air.

Brennan also had another goal-scoring opportunity just three minutes from the whistle but like Bohan's attempt his shot was just wide of the post.

For Canberra the two points were desperately needed as three of their final four games are away from home.

For Brisbane the loss was as predicted but equally damaging as they are now well and truly on the bottom of the ladder.

For Canberra the big worry will be how to avoid relegation — and plan for next season to bring back their lost army of fans.

In one season they have gone from being one of the better supported clubs to one of the least supported.

Can't stop Marton and a critic eats humble pie

By Peter Scott

Hail Hakoah: yet another championship

St. George 0
Sydney C. 1

Venue: St George Stadium
Crowd: 5120
Referee: Tim Davies

Scorer: Barnes (SC) 13th minute.
Cautions: M O'Shea (SC) 33rd min, Ratcliffe (SC) 65th min, P. Terry (SC) 84th min.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Ahoorn 8, Cant 9, O'Connor 7, Robertson 7, Bruce 8, Pethus 8, Spanos 7, Barnes 8, Watson 9, Kosmina 7, Mitchell 8 (Borges 82nd min).

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST: Fraser 7, Skeen 6, R O'Shea 7, Ratcliffe 8, Terry 7, M O'Shea 7, J O'Shea 7, Stone 7, Slater 8, MacDougall 6, Marton 5.

Sydney City Hakoah stormed back into top gear on a beautiful spring day at St. George Stadium, putting the mockers on all its critics in recent weeks — including this one.

And, unlike most critics, I am very pleased to eat a serving of humble pie, as there is no greater pleasure in sport than to see a champion come good.

Only a misfortune of cataclysmic proportions could now stop the Blues from grabbing yet another PSL championship title.

Their nearest rival, St. George, lost the championship decider last Sunday virtually in the first 10 minutes.

Three main factors influenced the outcome.

• Jim Cant managed to blot the Saints' maestro, Dez Marton, out of the game from the word go.

• David Skeen failed diametrically to do the same to Hakoah's wizard Joe Watson, who was back on the wing and wreaking havoc throughout, and

• The Hakoah defence put the "muscle" on the Saints' attack from the start, completely knocking them off balance.

A sample of things to come occurred in the first four minutes, when Steve O'Connor delivered a bone-crunching, elbows-and-all, tackle on Peter Stone, leaving the latter stunned and dazed.

Just a minute or so before, young Soccerro goalie Glen Ahoorn net the first challenge from a Saint's striker: head-on, and he unceremoniously upending a surprised Dez MacDougall.

That, I suppose, was his answer to Frank Arok's rather rash midweek prediction about the youngster's possible inability to handle the pressure of his first PSL test.

But the deciding factor had to be Jim Cant's earlier-mentioned shadowing of Marton.

Hardly ever more than a stride from the veteran Hakoah, Cant literally hounded him out of the game.

Not only did this affect Marton's ability to become involved in the match, it also affected his better judgement.

He proceeded to produce a series of theatrical "dives", looking for free kicks, penalty kicks or just some sympathy.

Marton also lost his temper, lashing out at his opponents in the tackle and becoming involved in a second-half incident in which he, together with City's Steve O'Connor, should have received his marching orders.

This brings us to the performance of referee Tim Davies, one of Australia's better officials, who, nonetheless, descended into the pits last Sunday.

The worst incident happened in the 62nd minute after Cant had fouled Robbie Slater. Marton raced over and kicked out at the Hakoah defender, to be on the receiving end in turn from Steve O'Connor who struck at him.

Out of all this chaos Davies didn't even award a yellow card to the offenders, when in fact at least two of them should have been sent off.

The situation became even more ludicrous three minutes later, when David Ratcliffe did get a caution for a tackle which deserved a free kick, but nothing else.

By the time Murray Barnes, making a triumphant return after a week's suspension, scored what turned out to be the winning goal in the 13th minute with a glancing, clever header following good interplay by Cant and Watson, Hakoah looked winners of the match and championship.

The Blues were incredibly sharp, ambitious, inventive, fast and skilful in every department.

And when St. George tried to match them with the "tough stuff" after the break, in that, too, they were inferior.

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Spanos also hit the crossbar with a glorious header, and Mitchell created a great chance for Kosmina in the second half, but the blond striker failed to connect.

This is not to say that the Saints had no chances. On the contrary, in the final 20 minutes they came storming back, looking for the equaliser, and finally Marton also started to create some daylight between Cant and himself.

Alas, the ball went everywhere except into the net.

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Cant knew nothing about the shot, but it was typical of the brilliant day this under-rated player had that, as on so many other occasions in this match and others this year, he was in the right place at the right time.

So, it may not have been a match for the punts, but it was a game of heart-stopping excitement and non-stop action for the big crowd.

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Senkalski back in top form

Newcastle 1
APIA 0

Ground: International Sports Centre, Newcastle.

Crowd: 3462.
Cautions: McGreen (APIA) 76th, Dando (N) 89th.
Referee: Gary Power 8.
Scorers: Drysdale (N) 29th.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED: Dando 8, Endacott 6, Sneddon 6, Drinkwater 7, Senkalski 8, Mason 8, Kirby 7, Drysdale 7, (Stamp 88th), Lowe 8, D. Jones 7.

APIA LEICHHARDT: Parkes 8, Carter 7, McAusland 7, Pullen 7, Wilson 7, Bradley 6, McGreen 7, Butler 7, P. Jones 8, Morsello 6, (Godzik 80th) De Ceglie 6.

Stuart Robertson and Jim Hamilton were out injured but the vacancies were adequately filled by the return of Craig Mason and the introduction to the midfield of Youth team captain Bernard Kirby.

And it was another teenager, Nigel Drysdale, playing only his second PSL game, who scored the all-important goal in the 29th minute.

APIA looked solid enough in defence, and midfield, but up front only Peter Jones looked good.

In fairness, they found Phil Dando in good form and the only time they managed to beat him from a good header by Peter Jones, Craig Mason came out of the blue to kick the ball off the line.

Newcastle's dominance was mainly due to the great game of Joe Senkalski. His workrate was faultless and when he gets a glut of possessions he is such a creative player that he is a delight to watch.

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He engineered the goal when he delayed his pass until Endacott ran past him, then slipped him a slide-rule pass for the fullback to cross into the centre for Drysdale to slot it away from seven metres out.

Three minutes later Newcastle could have gone further ahead when David Lowe weaved his way around the APIA defence before setting up Drysdale but his shot, with only Parkes to beat, was well wide.

If Senkalski was the best Newcastle player Lowe was not far behind him, and what a season this youngster is having!

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George Waters Sunshine's star

HELLAS-HAKOAH 2 (Cummings penalty, Rooney) SUNSHINE 4 (Waters, Bain, Pate penalty, Ellis).

HELLAS-HAKOAH: Fryzler 4 — Wilson 7, Kallitidis 5, Hannah 8, Rooney 6 — Owen 7, Traffante 5 (Abram N.T. 5, in off 75th), Gray 6 — Cummings 8, Patsakos 7, Kalamakidis 8 (Ross 70th).

SUNSHINE: Conini 7 — Muscat 6, Ellis 7, Love 7, Taylor 7 — Waters 9, Pate 8, H. Wilson 7 — Bain 7, D. Nelson 7, McRobert 7 (McNally 67th).

A superb midfield display from George Waters highlighted this fine 4-2 win by Sunshine and surely put an end to speculation over the immediate future of joint Sunshine coaches Steve Gaw and Ray Pocock.

The Shiners stunned Hellas-Hakoah by going 2-0 up inside 15 minutes.

Waters thumped a scorching 20 metre volley into the roof of the net in the 7th minute and a few minutes later Jimmy McRobert beat two opponents down the left and knocked the ball back to Dave Nelson whose cross found Roger Bain outjumping Mike Fryzler to head onto the underside of the bar and push the rebound in.

Just before the interval Duncan Cummings scored from the spot after a penalty was awarded against Steve Ellis.

Sunshine restored its two goal cushion when Dave Nelson was brought down in the second half and Norrie Pate did the job from the spot.

Hellas-Hakoah was caught square at the back for the Shiners' fourth goal. Steve Ellis made a tremendous break forward and latched onto a poor back pass from Tony Owen to get a foot to the ball and push it under Fryzler.

Croatia hits back

GEORGE CROSS 1 (Rigby) CROATIA 3 (Faulkner, Latif, Kuna).

GEORGE CROSS: Tachris 5 — D'Alessandro 7 (Salvo 60th), Morgan 6, Wilkinson 8, Plant 6 — Valla 6, Rigby 6, McCann 6 — Toal 7, Gilder 7, Kotevski 6 (Mizzi 80th).

CROATIA: Blasby 7 — Curcio 7, Parton 7, Dankovic 7, Blavner 7, Faulkner 7, Adams 8, Blakic 7 — Lett 8, Murphy 7, Gojovic 6 (Ilić Kuna N.T. 6).

Two cracking long drives from Jeff Faulkner and Ossie Latif, and a Darko Kuna goal highlighted a second half fightback by Croatia which went a goal behind in injury time of the first half.

Young Tony Vella passed to Bobby Toal who beat two defenders then crossed to the back post where Dave Rigby continued his amazing scoring feats as a midfielder by heading firmly past Peter Blasby in the dying moments of the opening stanza.

Croatia though pinned cross inside its defensive half for most of the second half. George Cross' only threat in this half came from a Carl Gilder header which Blasby did well to save.

Scores were levelled in the 57th minute. Kuna, who had replaced injured Steve Gojovic during the interval, dribbled past two opponents and was tackled as he prepared to shoot. The ball ran to Faulkner who cracked it from about 20 metres into the top corner.

Latif was brought down just outside the area in the 60th minute and took the resultant free kick, hammering the ball like a bullet into the corner of goal.

Croatia completed the scoreline in the 79th minute when Faulkner played the ball to Adams on the right. He beat one opponent then crossed far post. Kuna headed onto the underside of the bar then followed up and tucked away the rebound.

Easy for Juve

JUVENTUS 3 (Incantalupo 2, P. Bannon) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 0

JUVENTUS: Fantoma 7 — V. Bannon 7, P. Bannon 8, Donaldson 7, Hind 7 — K. Bannon 8, B. Bannon 7, Incantalupo 7, French 8, Henry 7, WILHELMINA: Barclay 6 — Pasmann 6, O'Riley 7, Brooks 6, Verniers 6 — Hoyland 6, Tront 7, Gibson 7 — Tattersall 5 (Burton 75th), Carroll 6, Stewart 5.

Juventus maintained its drive toward a State League Cup berth with a convincing display against disappointing Wilhelmmina.

The Dutch sponsored club was expected to give Juve a tough time but the black and whites had far more possession which they put to good use courtesy of the shooting power of young Fabio Incantalupo.

The young Soccerro opened Juve's account in the 10th minute with a fierce shot from just outside the area and sent Juve to the interval with a 2-0 lead when he powered home a fine lay-off by striker Graham French.

Paced, Bannon played a series of one-two's starting from near the half way line in the second stanza. He ran through onto the final one-two as Ron Verniers challenged and Wilhelmmina keeper Ken Barclay came off his line. The trio reached the ball almost at the same time but Bannon got a foot to it and sent it into the Wilhelmmina goal off Barclay's knee.

DOBSON HURT

CROYDON 1 (Nolan) NORTHCOTE 1 (Constantinou)

CROYDON: Edwards 7 — Brown 7, McCombe 7, Dobson 5 (Ilić Nolan 35th), Hobson 8 — Rainey 6, Tkachuk 7, Wade 8, Rooney 7 — P. Loughnane 8, I. Loughnane 7.

NORTHCOTE: Karamitidis 8 — Licciardi 7, Maitland 8, Lutton 8 (Bol 75th), Nelson 7 — Nixon 8, Wright 9, Bozakis 7, Fekos 8 — Constantinou 7, Tseotou 7.

Northcote continued its fight to stave off relegation with a hard earned point at Croydon Park.

The home side had to be reshuffled in the 35th minute after Ian Dobson and Dave Nixon were involved in a clash of heads. With blood streaming down his face Dobson was taken off and Terry Nolan came on. Mickey Rainey had started off in midfield but dropped back to sweeper and Nolan slotted straight into his customary midfield role.

Croydon had the better of the first half and could have had the game almost sewn up at the break. Nolan hammered the ball over from a good position and another shot was cleared on the line but two minutes into the second half Croydon took the lead.

Nolan let fly with a dipping 16 metre volley which gave Spiro Karamitidis little chance.

Six minutes from time young Peter Constantinou levelled. Nixon got a glancing header to George Bozakis' cross and Constantinou nipped in to head over Mickey Edwards.

FAWKNER IS IN STATE LEAGUE!

Fawkner completed a remarkable six year rise from Provisional League ranks by winning a place in next year's State League with a resounding 4-1 win over Slavia.

Scenes of jubilation followed last Sunday's win and the Fawkner dressing room was packed as supporters and well wishers joined in the popping of champagne corks and singing.

Led by former J.U.S.T. coach Cedo Cirkovic, Italian sponsored Fawkner is set to make a major impact on State League in 1983.

Players of the calibre of Andy Bozakis, Tony Schipano, Les Gooney and the Sabidussi brothers, Bruno and Carlo, among others should have little trouble adjusting to the higher standard and with perhaps three more quality players Fawkner can set its sights on a top four berth in its inaugural State League season.

City was the better side throughout. Williams crossed from the left in the 37th minute to Mike Lynn. He pulled the ball down and slipped it past Knox keeper John Kennedy.

Young George Petrov played a through ball in the 55th minute. The ball struck a Knox defender and fell to Williams whose left foot drive gave Kennedy no chance.

Then 11 minutes later Robin Parsons played the ball through and Williams repeated the dose by thumping the ball into the top left hand corner of the Knox goal.

DIVISION TWO

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 2 (Vassiliou, F. Angele) ARDEER 1 (Gamaniski pen).

HEIDELBERG UNITED: Mulov, Lagoula, Pavlidis, Kracjak, F. Angele, Annaristidis, Vagias, J. Angele, Shomou, Arden, Vassiliou, Evrinde, A. Itav, Mavromatis, Betsaris, Ovaras.

ARDEER: Darch, Blichaz, Czernicki, Olinowski, Di Benedetto, Kvczynski, Obrenbalski, Gammund, Dylen, N. Christoulas, J. Christoulas, Oondak, Palatides, Kotlidge.

SCORES (and times of goals): HEIDELBERG UNITED: Vassiliou 30th, F. Angele 75th. ARDEER: Gamaniski pen 25th.

BEST PLAYERS: HEIDELBERG UNITED: J. Angele, Vassiliou, Annaristidis. ARDEER: Gamaniski, Blichaz, Di Benedetto.

Heidelberg United opened the game strongly outplaying Ardeer by being first to the ball in the first half. Ardeer scored in the 25th minute against the run of play when Dykun's lobbed a ball into the area was handled by a Heidelberg defender and Gamaniski made no mistake from the resultant penalty kick.

Heidelberg levelled in the 30th minute after Vassiliou had a clear shot from a corner scramble. Another corner kick misled save Heidelberg score the winner through Fabio Angele in the 75th minute.

SPRINGVALE CITY 1 (Patten) WERRIBEE 0

SPRINGVALE CITY: Runje, Settle, Cairnduff, Wessels, Holbie, Golan, Malt, Pandey, Isaac 75th, Lennon, Patten, Greaser.

BEST PLAYERS: Springvale: Patten, Settle, Wessels.

The first half produced some technically good soccer but provided little in the way of pulsating action.

Defences were on top and it was no surprise to see a 0-0 scoreline at half-time. After the break City gradually gained the ascendancy and came close several times before taking the lead in the 70th minute.

Settle, the Springvale full-back, overlapping on the right, collected a loose ball on the edge of the Werribee area and hammered in a low hard ball.

Box Hill's star strikers Scott Patterson (left) and Peter Verecchia (right).

By JOE PICIOANE

Sabidussi

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

FAWKNER 4 (B. Sabidussi 2, Anselma, Schipano) SLAVIA 1 (Bouzas)

FAWKNER: Tarsini 8, Sabadini 8, Petrov 8, Fattore 9, Gooney 8, C. Sabidussi 8 (Tuffield 70th), B. Sabidussi 8, Schipano 8, Curcija 8, Bouzas 8, Anselma 8.

SLAVIA: Hammond 5, Godar 6, Anderson 6, Flores 8, Badier 6, Rubio 6, Louis 6, Canales 6, Bouzas 7, Quigley 6, Barbers 6.

Slavia took a shock lead when Canales robbed Cesar Fattore and crossed to the unmarked Bouzas who struck his shot wide of Rob Terzini.

That goal only served to spur Fawkner which gradually began to dominate. Carlo Sabidussi crossed to the back post in the 33rd minute where brother Bruno slid home the equaliser.

Tony Schipano tucked away Rajko Curcija's cross and just before half time yet another Curcija cross was headed home in classic fashion by Bruno Sabidussi.

The game was in Fawkner's keeping now and the champion elect played good possession football. Ian Tuffield replaced Carlo Sabidussi and immediately got involved, squaring the ball for Mario Anselma whose shot made it 4-1.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION FOUR

BATMAN LAZIO 2 (Mimo, Dobson) VERMONT 2

BATMAN LAZIO: Coletta 6, Cotic 6, Emilio 6, Polito 6, Lombardo 6, Mochi 7, Mimo 7, Jordan 7, Dobson 6, Valentino 6, Cipriani 6.

Batman had the better of the first half and although it missed a few chances went into the interval with a 2-0 lead.

Mimo headed in a Cipriani cross from the right to open Batman's account then Dobson made it 2-0 with a low header.

Dobson should have made it 3-0 in the 50th minute but shot wide with the goalkeeper beaten.

Loss of concentration proved costly for Batman and Vermont grabbed two quick goals to snatch what was a well deserved draw in the end.

on the edge of the Werribee area and hammered in a low hard cross for Patten to push home from close range.

DIVISION THREE

SUNBURY UTD 0 COBURG 1 (Deans)

SUNBURY UTD: L. Grech 6, G. Stephens 8, R. Duncan 8, G. Train 7, A. Blackley 7, T. Campbell 6, T. Stigmund 6, G. Roberts 8, A. Thompson 6, D. McCulloch 6, H. Stewart 7.

COBURG: S. Cummins 8, P. Scarlett 8, J. Bonello 8, R. Malcolm 8, B. Jones 6, M. Cantonson 6, G. Mallichian 8, B. Brindle 8, S. Deans 7, A. Wilmet 6, J. Curcio 6.

BEST PLAYERS: Sunbury: Stephens, Duncanson, Roberts. Coburg: Brindle, Mallichian, Scarlett.

Sunbury attacked all first half and only some good goalkeeping by Cummins and bad finishing by Sunbury kept the scoreline blank.

McCulloch put the ball in the net after dispossessing the keeper but the goal was ruled off for an infringement.

The second half was very scrappy. The goal was scored in the 80th minute. Brindle took a free kick, Deans and Sunbury centre half Blackley both rose to head the ball which came off Deans' head and lobbed over keeper Grech who was caught in No Man's Land.

ROYAL RICHMOND 3 (Ermeyer 2, Lortotic) ELTHAM 3 (Herman, Briggs, Lewis)

ROYAL RICHMOND: Vilmar, Djajic, Lemm, Ermit, Ibrahim, Lortotic, Lortotic, Patsaman, Ermeyer, Shagla, Wood, Todorovic, Yusuf.

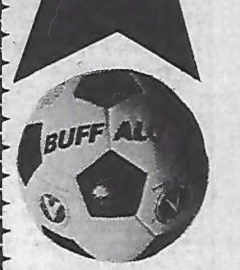
ELTHAM: Potter, Stewart, M. Cirka, P. Cirka, Shaw, Kenna, Lawrie, Hadzic, G. Ferrarini, Herman, Raynes, Briggs, Kavanagh.

Down 3-1 at half time, the Redbacks stormed back in the second period to tie the scores and almost snatch both points.

Royal Richmond went ahead with goals in the 15th and 17th minutes due to appalling defensive errors by Eltham.

Joe Herman pulled one back for the Redbacks in the 25th minute. Chris Briggs scored Eltham's second in the 62nd min and Mark Lewis got the equaliser 2 mins. later.

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Selections

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

Saturday: ALTONA GATE v Richmond; BOX HILL v New City; KNOX CITY v Slavia; DANCASTER Rovers v Frankston Pines (draw).

Sunday: WESTERN SUBURBS v Bell Park; ALTONA CITY v Keller Austria; FAWKNER v Moreland.

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: SPRINGVALE CITY v Heidelberg Alexander; Ardeer v STH MELBOURNE MORIAL; LOC. DANBURY CITY v Factory JUST; Preston Macedonia v Waverley City (draw); BROAD MEADOWS v St Albans; WERRIBEE v Heidelberg Burdara.

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: PHAIRAN CITY v Moreland; THO. MASTOWN v Royal Richmond; Eltham v Sunbury (draw); Coburg v NUNAWADING CITY; PORT MELBOURNE v Yallourn; COBURG v Brighton; Kaysborough v NTH DANBURY.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: SANDHURST v Kith Green; Mowah Uni v Sth Oakleigh; Chelsea v Fentrone Gully (draw); HANLYN RANGERS v Geelong; MIOURABUN v Mooraburn; Essendon v Traralgon v Rosedale (draw); Greenwicks v CAULFIELD.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE

Saturday: KARRIGAL UTD v Hawthorn; BAL LABAT v Shepparton City; Mimos v HAWTHORN; CARLTON v Nunawading; East Brunswick v Sth Yarra; Clayton v Loder Utd (draw); ROSARNA v Launceston.

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: ELLENBOROUGH CITY v REGENT v West Melbourne; YARRAVILLE v Cranbourne; CLIFTON HILL v Altona East; Tamek City v Mooraburn (draw); How Utd v BODRINA; Kyneton v CENTRAL CITY.

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: Mowah v WEST BRUNSWICK; Moonee Ponds v WEST GEELONG; MITCHEM v Brunswick City; Chesham v CLONDA (draw); STH DANBURY v Dallas City; Utd of Melbourn v Altona Utd (draw); Sunbury v HAMPTON WANDERERS.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: SPRINGVALE UTD v Port Utd; PACIOCE VALE v Eastern Lotic; Vermont v Mooraburn (draw); Nth Melbourne v SEAFORD; EAST CARLTON v Mooraburn; HOLLAND PARK v Ascat Utd; Bregley v Nth St Albans (draw).

KATELE LEZIDE DIVISION WEST

Sunday: Balclutha v BUNODORA; Postal Institute v Portersville (draw); Melbourne Utd v MACCABI HADAR; Macquarie Park v CHASTINE; Ladbroke Utd v Caldervale Hills (draw); How Utd v Balwyn City (draw); LYNDALE Utd v Macquarie Utd.

DIVISION TWO

Sunday: St Bernards v DIAMOND CREEK; Concordia v GEELONG UTD; WESTALL v Royal Melbourne Institute; KRYONG RANGERS v Werrikey Utd; WEST UTD v RAFF MELBOURNE; Melbourn v CIPPING THISTLE.

YOUTH LEAGUE SOUTH EAST

Sunday: FRANKTON PINES v Springvale Utd; Box Hill v MORRISONBURR; Utd off Thred.

NORTH WEST

Sunday: FAWKNER v Brighton; Melbourne Croatia v DANBURYING CITY; GEORGE CROSS v Trowborough.

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Jugoslavenska Scena

ZEVS SA KOLEGAMA NA SCHINTLER REZERVU

U nedjelju je Sidney Olympic na Schintler Rezervu dovukao sa sobom Zevisa i sve bogove i polubogove sa Olimpa, prokrijumcaru ih u autobusu sa igracima na JUST-ovu igraliste, i sa njihovom pomoću samo - izvukao poreden rezultat od 1:1 (poluvremena 1:0 za JUST). Da toga nije bilo, toga Zevisa i njegovih kolega, i njihovog mesanja u igru, Lujic bi sudejskom klubu zatrebao mrežu dva puta, a Koljic i Risovski po jedanput vec u prvom minutu igre i na taj nacin resili bez po muke i UBEDLJIVO ovu utakmicu.

Kako se desilo da Lujic tek svuju petu ili sestu sansu pretvori u gol a da prethodne promasi i kako su prilike sto placu da se pretvore u lepe i korisne golove ostajale neiskorisene, o tome bi vredelo pisati u Ripoljevom "Verovlji ili ne" a ne u dopisu za nedeljnu fudbalsku list.

Niko ne zna koji je od bogova sa Olimpa u 35. minuti igre smetao Ristovskom da postigne gol kad je presao sve protivnicke igrace, uključujući i golmana Wilsona, pa onda, sa nekoliko metara udaljenosti pucuo - u stativu.

A kako da se objasni ono sto se desilo u petu ili sedmu minutu igre prvog poluvremena kad je Lujic glatko presao Rogersa i sa lptom krenuo kako je izgledalo prema mrezi, odjednput i bez razloga, Rogers pada kao da ga je udarila srcana kap, a ta vrsila sila, koja ga tako grubo kosi, ne ostaje sama pri tome. A ne! Ona istovremeno duva i u pistaljku sudije Mellingsa, pa Lujicv krasan potez, neovlasitvo za sve pretvara u - faul.

Posle odmora Olympic je promenio nacin igre i umesto da se brani pocio je da ucestano napada. Sa Koussasom, Redfernom i Katholom u naivati, to mu nije bilo narocito tesko, pa su prvih 15 minuta sedile zbrka za abrkom u JUST-ovoj odbrani.

U 60. minuti igre, posle izvođenja jednog od mnogobrojnih kornera, Koussas je iz guzve pred golom uspeo da loptom progura u JUST-ovu mrežu i izjedini rezultat. Onda do kraja obe tima su izgledali zadovoljni da podelu bodove, iako je JUST imao jos dve divne sance da goste posalje kuci bez ijednog boda.

Rezultat bi verovatno bio povoljniji za JUST-a da je u igri ucestvovao Kapiten i jedan od njegovih najboljih igrača ILIOVSKI, koji se poverio na treningu prethodnog peca.

U JUST-u su Kyrakoulas i Hazabent bili jednako i sigurni i na visini, dok su Milne i O'Riely po svom obicaju cistili svaku loptu bez oklevanja i zadržavanja.

U sredini se Pijevaljice pouzdavao vise u se i u svoje kljuse nego u renomiranost JUSUFA HATUNICA koji je za sve bio ogromno razacarenje.

A od Hatunice se ocekivalo mnogo. On je trebalo da bude stud JUST-a, kvalititet igrac koji ce sa sigurnosno komandovati igrac sa sredine terena.

Umesto stozera odbrane i inicijatora smisljenih napada na protivnicke gol - Hatunic je bio pravi pravcati setac sa tuzlanskog kotlova ili beogradskog Kelemešana.

Kretao se lenjo, sporo, sporije i najsporije, a na momente je izgledao da ga utakmica ne interesuje i da mu je na vrh glave.

Petnaest minuta pred kraj igre trener Jakska zamenio ga je sa mladim Curovicem i tako skratio Hatunicevo dalje mucenje.



Footscray J.U.S.T. under 16s, from left, standing: Zika Karic (coach), Roman Filipovic, Zdenko Jovic, Zoran Pasoski, Zoran Vajlic, Radovan Barjaktarevic Milan Zec, Jimmy Fernandez, Mirko Vljajnic (team manager). Front: Dragi Dimoski, Eddy Krt, Ljube Barjaktarevic, Steve Dinas, Eddy Vega, Mito Sandoval.

TASMANIAN SCENE

Olympia - temporarily

Olympia led the Cadbury State League (South) in Tasmania after beating White Eagles 1-0 on Wednesday night. But its lead lasted a mere three days. On Saturday, Juventus beat Brighton 2-0 to reassert its premier position.

Olympia missed chance after chance against White Eagles. None was more blatant than Sherman's in the first half. Having rounded Michniewski, who left his area in an attempt to dispossess the Olympia player, Sherman was confronted by a gaping intended goal. He could have

stopped to build sandcastles in the sparsely-turfed goal-mouth and still have time to score. As it was, he chose to dribble clumsily for goal and allow a defender to get back and clear the ball from his toe.

It took a 10th minute effort from Forster, from 12 metres out, to put Olympia on top of the league.

With Peter Brine back in the side, Juventus made no mistake against Brighton. Eric Young scored in each half and the win must have restored some of the players' lost confidence. Frarraccio, Kent, Genovesi and Lapolla were all missing so the win should also make it clear to the players

that every-one will have to fight for a place.

Results: Olympia beat White Eagles 1-0

Juventus beat Brighton 2-0

Metro beat Croitie 1-0

Rapid beat South Hobart 5-1

CADBURY STATE LEAGUE (SOUTH)

CADBURY STATE LEAGUE (SOUTH)

P W D L F A PTS

Juventus... 17 11 3 3 52 17 25

Olympia... 17 12 1 4 42 14 28

Rapid... 17 12 1 4 30 14 25

White Eagles... 17 8 2 7 26 27 18

Metro... 17 7 2 8 27 38 16

Croitie... 17 8 3 6 31 37 18

Brighton... 17 3 3 12 20 34 9

South Hobart... 17 2 0 15 15 80 4

loved it. At the knee holds up all week, then we'll see how it goes next week.

Q. Bruce Ward's caution today may cost him the Rothmans Gold Medal. His suspension is a blow to the team because he has, after all, scored 26 goals in 17 games. What did you say to him?

A. I can't repeat it. Bruce will now miss the Olympia game and what he did was completely stupid. I think there'll be some reprimand from the club.

Q. Eric Young scored both goals today. Another great performance?

A. I'm pleased with 'Youngie' all the time. 'Youngie's a performer. He's the one player I never need to tell anything. He does the job, he eggs the other players on. He's a true professional and a great player to have in the team.

Q. Can you hang on for the title?

A. I've always rated our chances. I don't think there's a team in Tasmania that can touch us when we're on our day.

TA NEA TON OMAΔON MAS

ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ

ΣΤΑΘΕΡΑ ΤΟ ΟΚΛΗ ΣΤΗΝ 3η ΘΕΣΗ

ΝΙΚΗΣΕ ΤΗΝ ΤΕΖΑΣΗ 2-0

ΣΚΟΡΕΡΣ: ΣΤΕΡΤΙΟΥ - ΤΖΙΤΖΗΣ

Τό 'Οκλή έκανε ένα βήμα ακόμη για τόν τίτλο τού πρωταθλήματος τής Δ' τού Μετρο πάλιταν και νίκησε τήν Τεζάση μέ 2-0.

'Ετσι κρατάει σταθερά τήν 3η θέση μέ 3 βαθμούς διαφορά από τόν δευτερό Ν.Τζή-λδγκ και τόν Κώληντντν που είναι στήν 3η θέση.

Τό 'Οκλή ήταν ανώτερο σέ όλο τό διάστημα τής συνάντησης και πέτυχε τά τέρματα στό β' μέρος μέ τούς Στερτίου και Τζιτζή οι οποίοι μαζί μέ τόν Τσιάντο ήταν από τούς καλύτερους παίκτες.

Μέ τό 'Οκλή έπαιξαν οι Πέτρου, Νταντάι-ας, Κριτσιλίδης, Ηπακινίδης, Λουκάς, Γ. Καμυλάκης, Τσιάπος, Κοντοκώστας, Παπατσιάς (Πεχλιβανίδης), Στερτίου και Τζιτζής.

Η ΚΛΑΡΕΝΤΑ ΣΤΗΝ 3η ΘΕΣΗ

ΝΕΑ ΝΙΚΗ ΕΙΠ ΤΟΥ ΜΟΕ 3-1

ΣΚΟΡΕΡΣ: Α. ΧΑΡΑΛΑΜΠΟΥΣ, ΤΟΠΑΛΙΔΗΣ, Χ. ΧΑΡΑΛΑΜΠΟΥΣ

'Η Κλαρίντα τού Τάκη Μανταράκη πέτυχε νέα νίκη επί τού ΜΟΕ αττή τή φορά μέ 3-1 και πέρασε στήν 3η θέση τού βαθμολογικού πίνακα τής Β' τού Προβίζιοναλ.

Τώρα τήν χωρίζει ένας μόνον βαθμός από τόν 2ο Μπουλντν και περιμένει παρατήρημά του για κερδίσει και τήν κατηγορία.

Τά γκολ για τήν έρυθρόλευκή ομάδα τού Τάκη Μανταράκη πέτυχαν οι Χ. Χαράλαμπος και Τσιάπος.

'Ετσι σημειώθηκε δ τερματοφύλακας Κασίμης τραυματίστηκε και άντικατεστάθηκε.

ΠΕΝΤΕ ΑΓΩΝΙΣΤΙΚΕΣ ΠΡΙΝ ΑΝΕΙ ΤΟ ΠΡΩΤΑΘΛΗΜΑ Η ΔΟΞΑ ΓΙΑΡΡΑΒΙΑ ΕΧΕΙ ΕΞΑΣΦΑΛΙΣΕΙ ΤΟΝ ΤΙΤΛΟ ΤΗΣ ΠΡΩΤΑΘΛΗΤΡΙΑΣ.

ΝΙΚΗΣΕ ΚΑΙ ΤΟ Μ.ΜΕΑΜΙΟΥΠΕΝ 3-0

ΣΚΟΡΕΡΣ: ΠΕΤΡΙΔΗΣ 2 - ΠΑΠΑΧΡΙΣΤΟΔΟΥΛΟΥ

Παίζοντας άραλο ποδόσφαιρο νίκησε έκτός έδρας τόν Μ.Μεάμιουπεν μέ 3-0 και βαδίζει όλοταχώς για τόν τίτλο τών όποιον τόν ειχε εξασφαλίσει πριν πολλές βδομάδες.

'Ηδη βρίσκεται μπροστά μέ 9 βαθμούς από τόν 2ο Μπουλντν και 10 από τήν 3η Κλαρίντα.

'Η ελληνική ομάδα άνοιξε τόν σκόρ στό 6' όταν ό Χότας από δεξιά έδωσε έτοιμο γκολ στόν Πετρίδη που από κοντά έκανε τόν 1-0.

Στό 17' ό Τ. Παπαχριστοδούλου μέ δυνατό σουτ έγραφε τόν 2-0 ένα λίγο μετά ό Φακρίδης έκανε ευκαιρία και δυνατό σουτ τόν Χότα τράνταζε τόν δοκάρι τών αντιπάλων.

Στήν επανάληψη και στό 48' ό Βαλασμάκης έξφυγε από άριστερά και προσοδόησε τόν Πετρίδη που μέ πλασριστό σουτ άνέβασε τόν σκόρ σέ 3-0 που ήταν και τόν τελικό αποτέλεσμα.

Μέχρι τήν λήξη τής συνάντησης ή δόξα έχασε δύο καλές ευκαιρίες μέ τόν Πετρίδη και σουτ τού Φακρίδα βρήκε τόν δοκάρι.

'Από τήν ομάδα δέν ύστερησε κανένας. Οι δύο τερματοφύλακες ήταν σωστοί στίς έπεμβάσεις τους (Ν. Αποστολόγης - Γκιτάκας).

Στήν άμυνα ό Τώνης 'Αμανατίδης που έπαιξε μετά από πολύ χρόνο δεξιά Μπάκ ήταν ή ψυχή όλων και απέδειξε ότι βρίσκεται σέ μεγάλη φόρμα.

'Ο Τερζάκης βρήκε τόν καλό του έαυτό στήν θέση τού λίμπερο και ό Δημητρίου ειχε μαχητικότητα και μεγάλη όρεξη.

'Ο νεαρός Βαλασμάκης που έπαιξε για πρώ τόν φορά άφησε καλές εντυπώσεις, ένώ ό Τ. Παπαχριστοδούλου έτρεξε για μία ακόμη φορά σέ όλο τό γήπεδο, κέρδισε μονομαχίες και πέτυχε και γκολ.

'Ο Χαντρίδας είναι μεγάλος παίκτης και τεχνικός αλλά τού λείπουν παιγνίδια.

Στήν έπίθεση ό Πετρίδης φάνηκε πλέον ότι μυρίζεται τόν γκολ και ό Χότας ειχε όρεξη.

Τέλος ό Μελέτης πάλαψε αλλά έφυγε και πολλές κλωτσιές από τούς αντιπάλους του.

'Ο νεαρός Τζιτζής Τσιολακίδης που έπαιξε για λίγο στήν άγνωστη γι' αυτόν θέση τού σέντερ Μπάκ ήταν πολύ καλός.

Γενικά ή κυανόλευκή ομάδα τού Γιαρραβιλ φάνηκε ότι μπορεί νά κερδίζει άνευτα ό-τάν παίζει απλά.

'Ο χορός που έγινε τόν Σάββατο τόν βράδυ σημείωσε καταπληκτική έπιτυχία και τόν Δ. Συμβόλιο τής Δόξας Γιαρραβιλ εύχαρι-στέλ όλους όσους έδωσαν τόν παρόν καθώς και τούς διορητές.



G. Mystriotis of Clifton Hill

για λίγο στήν άγνωστη γι' αυτόν θέση τού σέντερ Μπάκ ήταν πολύ καλός.

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ΕΞΑΣΦΑΛΙΣΕ ΤΟ ΠΡΩΤΑΘΛΗΜΑ Η ΕΝ. ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ ΕΒΕΥΣΕ 6 ΒΑΘΜΟΥΣ ΜΠΡΟΣΤΑ.

'Η Εν. Ποντίων νίκησε και τήν ομάδα τού Τσιζέσιον μέ 2-0 και έξφυγε 6 βαθμούς εξασφαλίζοντας έτσι τόν πρωτάθλημα τής Γ' κατηγορίας τού 'Ιντάστριαλ Λήγκ.

Τά γκολ πέτυχε ό Κουτρουκίδης και ήταν από τούς διακριθέντες μαζί μέ τόν Καζέ και Κουλούνα.

'Επαιξαν οι Καντζίδης, Καζάκης, Κουλούνας Ηπακίδης, Μπάκας, Ξύστρατιου, (Γ. Φελεκίδης), Ιακωβίδης, Κατλάκιο, Κουτρουκίδης, Πολίντο, Χατζίδης και Ι. Ιακωβίδης.

Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε μέ 2-1 τήν J.T.H και μέ τέρματα τών Σιββίδης, Χασάπογλου.

ΕΧΑΣΕ Ο ΠΑΝΣΕΡΡΑΪΚΟΣ 3-2

Μέ 3-2 έχασε ό Πανσερραϊκός από τόν Ντά-ντενογκι παρά τόν ότι έπαιξε καλά.

'Η ελληνική ομάδα προηγήθηκε στό σκόρ δύο φορές μέ τόν Γκαζώτα και Μητρούση αλλά ό διαιτητής τής απέβαλε τόν καλύτερο τής παίκτη Τσετίνη.

Καλύτεροι παίκτες ήταν οι Β. Φαβός, Παρ-ζόγλου και Τσετίνης.

'Επαιξαν οι Π. Κεχαγιάς, Θ. Κεχαγιάς, Τσος Β. Φαβός, Πάρσογλου, Νικολαΐδης, Τσετίνης, Μητρούσης, Γκαζώτας, Κωνσταντινίδης, Μαν-ρής (Μηνάς).

Η ΜΙΚΤΗ ΠΑΛΑΙΜΑΧΩΝ ΝΙΚΗΣΕ ΤΟΥΣ ΠΑΛΑΙΜΑΧΟΥΣ ΤΟΥ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ ΜΕ 4-2

Κάθε άλλο παρά παλαιμάχων άγώνας ήταν ή συνάντηση που είδαν οι φίλαθλοι πριν άπό τόν άγώνα ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ και ΕΛΛΑΣ ΑΔ.

'Ολοι όσοι άγωνίστηκαν παρά τά χρονάκια τους έδείξαν ότι ακόμη δέν έχουν τήν υπάλλα και τά μυστικά τής και πάνω άπ' όλα πώς έχουν άντοχή.

'Η διοργάνωση έγινε από τούς Γιάννη Νί-νη και Μάνο Μήλιο και πέτυχε άπόλυτα.

Τήν νίκη πήραν οι παλαιμάχοι τής Μικτής και μέ γκολ τών Παγώνη, Μανταράκη και Κ. Παυλίδης 2.

Για τόν Μέγα σιοράρισαν οι Νίνης και Κ. Ξανθοπούλου.

Καλές εντυπώσεις άφησαν από τόν ΑΛΕΞΑΝ-δρο ό Τζιμης Χαγκόπουλος που δέν έχει χάσει τήν ταχυτήτά του, ό τερματοφύλακας Ηπειάρης, ό Καραμπάτσος και ό Ξανθοπού-λος.

'Από τήν Μικτή ξεχώρισαν οι Σβίγκος, Μανταράκης, Μήλιος, Παυλίδης και Χατζησταθ-ρου.

Οι συνθέσεις: Μικτή: Χατζησταθρου, Μανιά-της, Κύρου, Μήλιος, Μανταράκης, Σβίγκος, Θ. Πιατσιάρης, Παγώνης, Πικουλός, Χατζίδης και Παυλίδης.

Παλαιμάχοι Μέγα: Ηπειάρης, Ξανθοπούλου, Πετρίδης, Ντίνης, Ύψοπούλου, Δαφίνης, Βά-γας, Καραμπάτσος, Ηρ. Μάγκος, Σ. Μάγκος, Φω-τιάδης, Νίνης, Μαγκόπουλος, Κορφιάτης.

'Αξίζουν συγχατήρηια όλοι όσοι έδωσαν τόν παρόν και ό ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΣ καθώς και οι διοργανωτές τούς εύχαριστούν.

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